



A Hanukkah Story

There is more to you than meets the eye. The same can be said for most every person in the world and every situation in which you find yourself. *Remember this* and wonderful things can happen. This is a story going back over 2,000 years. It's a Hanukkah story.

Imagine seeing a little jar of oil in a war ravaged Temple and deciding that it contains enough fuel to light up the building even before you could possibly know for sure that it does.

Now imagine seeing yourself as both that jar of oil and the person who dares to trust the depth of what it contains. That's a Hanukkah story as meaningful today as it was when it first happened.

Think of Hanukkah as an ancient 8-day refresher course in remembering how great you really are, in rediscovering how much untapped potential you have, and how much can happen if you truly trust in both. Add to that the ability to see others this way – to see life this way and you have the recipe for something truly miraculous.

Take a few moments on 8 consecutive nights to live an ancient practice in seeing the rich potential in you and in your life.

As the sun is setting, as the day is ending, as your energy may be ebbing, try answering the following questions:

- What strength, skill or passion lies within you, like the oil in the jar, just waiting to be drawn upon?
- What chance are you willing to take to make your life better, happier, and more fulfilling?
- In what new places and unexpected relationships can you discover the energy and wisdom you need to turn your hopes into reality?
- How can you help at least one other person to answer these questions for him or herself, and who would that person be?

We will never know what went through the minds of those ancient soldiers who found, trusted and kindled the oil in that ancient jar, but answering these questions will help recover their vision and reconnect to our own inner jar of oil.

We can be the Hanukkah story, and in doing so, give ourselves and those we love a very precious gift.

*...the victorious soldiers entered the Temple and found a jar of oil sufficient for one day's light.
Miraculously it lasted for eight days...*

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