

UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH

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GETTING READY

...Why has the land perished and laid waste like a wilderness...? Because they have forsaken My Torah.... (Yirmiyah 9:11-12)

The destruction of the first Temple and the subsequent exile was only because of a lack of Torah study.... G-d would have overlooked even cardinal sins so long as they did not forsake Torah study. (Eicha Rabah, Introduction 2; Talmud Yerushalmi, Chagigah 1:7)

It is not enough for our faith to guide our actions; it must change the way that we think. Through Torah study, we internalize our faith by understanding who we are, our mission in life, and the impact that we have. This strengthens our conviction so that negativity becomes unthinkable.

Our commitment to learning and to spreading knowledge not only strengthens our internal faith but also will ultimately bring Moshiach.

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