

## Story 2

This story the children can make different pictures but the main theme of this story is for them to realize some things the world wants to believe in and what Yahweh wants us to believe in, such as the importance of family and not doing just what we want to do.

There are a few scripture to hand out before the story so the children can have them ready when you call them to read it. Here they are in order:

1. Matthew 7:15-29
2. Matthew 13:24-40
3. Luke 14: 25-27
4. Matthew 24: 4-13
5. Matthew 13: 47-50
6. Matthew 5: 1-20

You could arrange to have someone make a loud noise at a specific place in the story and have someone sing “Daddy’s Hands” if some one knows it. Then have the little children try to recognize their own father’s hands. The men stand behind a sheet and the children look at the different hands and try to figure out which hand is their fathers.

## The Kingdom of Man or the Kingdom of Elohim

### Chapter 1

As our story opens, Herman is arguing with Barrick. “How can you even think of becoming one of my council men?” yelled Herman, in a huff, “you have no wisdom to rule.”

“I know I made a few mistakes, but I feel I have learned from them,” replied Barrick humbly. “Even King David made mistakes and he learned from them. He was the greatest King Israel ever had.”

“However, he was not the wisest, my brother, his son, Solomon was,” argued Herman. “I will soon be king and I won’t take counsel from a brother who is so foolish.”

“Herman, I have changed since you last saw me. I have learned my lesson. I have learned how Elohim can rule in a man’s heart instead of his own wicked desires.”

“My sons, my sons, what is all this bickering I hear? I am not use to hearing you two quarrel. I thought you would be overjoyed to have your brother, Barrick, back after five years of being away?”

“Father Ollam, I did not hear you come in,” Herman said with a jump.

“Father, I know I have done wrong but please explain to Herman that I have changed my ways. I know I would be a good counsel to my brother, if he would only let me try.”

“I see,” said Ollam, as he placed his hand to his bearded chin. “I think I can help you both. Herman, you need to prepare yourself to reign in my place; and Barrick this may help prove yourself worthy to counsel your brother in the matters of the kingdom.

“I have two minor kingdoms that are in rebellion. They are doing all matter of things that are against the rules of the governing ruler. Besides that, they do only what is pleasing in their own eyes. The governors of both kingdoms have asked me for help. Would you my sons be willing to take these two kingdoms under your management for a while and change them for the better?”

“Sounds like a real challenge to me,” answered Barrick with a glint of hope in his eyes.

“Father, I know I could probably learn just as much from you here, than go off to another kingdom I am not acquainted with,” Herman replied sourly.

“I know, it would be hard to leave Teah, but why not take her with you? She is your wife and she might be of help to you. Besides you are a little acquainted with both of these kingdoms,” stated Ollam with a smile.

“Okay, I will do this thing. What are the rules this time?” asked Herman.

“There are no real rules. Only use your knowledge of the Bible and keep another journal of what you did. I will give you three days to prepare for your journey. Here are your assigned cities or kingdoms.” He handed each man an envelope.

“The kingdom of Carne--; why, they were worshipping an idol the last time we were there and Barrick even bought a statue of the idol.”

“Yes, Herman, that kingdom has lost sight of who their true god is. I hope you can help them return to their true Creator.”

“Mourna? That is the last place I would be welcomed. I was brought in on a stretcher. I was nothing but a weak man to them,” explained Barrick.

“I didn’t promise this journey would be easy. Mourna is isolated and they have to work with one another all the time however, now the people refuse to be of help to one another. You have learned that lesson from the aide of your brother.”

“Father, we will do our best,” said both sons, shaking their father’s hand.

“Come on brother, we have work to do. Here we go again,” encourage Herman.

Off the two brothers went arm in arm as they had done so many times before as they grew up, but this time their wives would travel with them.

Now we are going to take each man’s journey separately, for a while. We are going to take Herman’s journey first. Herman and Teah have arrived in Carne and they were very surprised to see how elegant the town had become. It had beautiful high-rise houses, parks, and all different kinds of places of enjoyment. But something seemed very wrong. They found no one doing any sort of labor. They were all enjoying themselves at that time. Herman asked them where they got their food. “Oh, we go to the beautiful restaurants and get our food. That’s where we meet the pretty girls,” one man admitted.

“Where do you live?” asked Herman.

“We live in those high-rise buildings. Aren’t they beautiful?”

“Aren’t any of you married?” asked Teah.

“Nah, why get married now? Then you would have to take care of someone else. This way we only have to take care of ourselves.”

Herman and Teah were puzzled. They traveled on to the governor’s house where they were to stay. It was the only big house in the whole town. When they reached it, they found the only children they had seen since their arrival.

“Good Morning,” the governor greeted them. “Come in. Pardon my children, they are such a nuisance.”

Herman and Teah looked at one another with a surprised look and saw three beautiful blue-eyed little girls.

“Come and refresh yourselves. We are not allowed at the restaurants since we have children. (Thanks to my wife).”

Just then, a beautiful young woman, about the same age as the governor, walked into the room carrying an even smaller child. She held out her hand graciously and introduced herself.

“Hello, my name is Beatrice. Welcome to our home. This is little Joy, she is one today. Then pointing to the other children she said, “This is Faith, Grace and Hope.”

Then she handed Joy to Teah. Teah was shocked at the difference in attitude between the husband and wife. She could tell Beatrice loved her children very much. However, the husband seemed irritated by them.

Herman decided things better get straightened out right away, so he asked Teah and Beatrice to go and spend some time together to let the governor, Vincent, and he visit.

Herman, soon found out from Vincent that the town had many merchants but no one was producing anything in the town itself.

“How do the people get the money to buy food and goods they need if they do not work?”

“Oh, they all work, but not in this kingdom. They work for different farms and industries. They, in turn, come and sell to the merchants the goods that the people actually have made themselves.”

“That seems foolish, when they could actually do their own work for their own people in their own kingdom.”

“Oh, yes but they don’t live in family groups. That is old fashioned in this town. No one has a wife, but me. They have no commitments. Our Kingdom will soon die, I know, since there is no population growth (meaning no body is having children). Yes, they are a selfish lot. Nevertheless, this is what their priests are teaching them. It is better to remain single and bring no burdens into the world.”

As Herman talked to Vincent, he related the story of his journey through his kingdom five years ago and the rest of the trip. How his brother had committed so many sins and how he himself had remained faithful to the one true El.

Vincent realized his mistakes, but had no one to talk to and fellowship with other than his wife. Now her ways seemed wrong. She was beginning to make no sense. She had not followed the path of the other women of the community but had been steadfast in following King Ollam’s commands and the commandments of the Bible. Herman could tell that Vincent had been influenced by the people instead of influencing them with what was true and good.

Teah had learned that Beatrice was aware of the downfall of the town. She was the one who had requested help from the King. She knew her husband wanted to do what was right but had no support. She also told Teah, in confidence; she was expecting her fifth child.

Herman and Vincent began to work to get the men together. They planned a large gathering to bring understanding to the kingdom.

Herman knew that the men all had Bibles, so he requested him to bring the Bibles with them to the meeting. Herman fasted for ten days prior to the gathering. Teah did the same. As Beatrice began to prepare wholesome food for the gathering, Teah went throughout the community and visited the women of the town.

The old people were not allowed to visit their sons and daughters or even see their grandchildren. The priest took care of them so the sons and daughters had no guilt, in concerning their welfare. The children that were around were left in a special center directed by the priests. Teah began questioning the priests.

Herman began handing out laws to the priests to abide by. The priests began to feel the threat of Herman and Teah in what they thought was their kingdom.

As Teah and Herman walked throughout the kingdom, showing their love to one another, the people became envious of them. They started asking questions about married life and the way to live a righteous life.

During this time, the priests had gone to Vincent to try to get this strange couple out of the kingdom. "I am afraid that would be hard for me to do, since he is the King's son, and is heir to the throne."

The priests tried in vain to discourage the people from believing the lies of Herman and Teah. The people decided to attend the gathering, but requested that the priests be there also. The priests agreed to be there but they had something more up their sleeves. Vincent was afraid to tell Herman his discussion with the priests.

As the day grew closer to occurring, Teah and Herman went to the priests and found out just whom they were. The priests were from a completely different kingdom and country; also, they were not even aware of King Ollam. This explained a lot to Teah and Herman.

Finally, the meeting day for the kingdom had arrived and Herman felt anxious. However, before we can go with our story we must climb to the kingdom of Mourn, where Barrick and Scotiah are going.

#### Chapter 2 Life on a Mountain

Barrick had decided to take Scotiah with him, as he knew what a great help she was in times past, as he had traveled throughout the kingdom. He had never had the nerve to return to the place of Mourn, since he had come in there such a broken man. He knew the climb would be hard for most women, but he knew how strong Scotiah was for she could climb it just as well as he could. As they approached the mountain, he could not see the kingdom, as it was on the other side of the mountain. It was a wonderful day for climbing. However, the darkness set in just as they were ready to reach the little kingdom on the mountaintop. He remembered how he had seen the lights from the city beyond Mourn and had requested the pilot to fly him back over the mountain, so he knew there would be lights.

As they made the summit of the mountain, Scotiah exclaimed to Barrick, "I thought you said there were lights all over this mountain?"

"Yes, they were all over and it was awesome to see. Now it seems they are all gone except that one little light in the middle of the kingdom. I wonder, what has happened?"

"I don't know; I hope we are not too late."

"Me too."

Barrick and Scotiah began their descent down to the town. The town was very quiet. They kept their eyes on that little light, as they decided, that was the place they were to stay. They arrived about 8 PM and knocked on the door. A very pleasant looking gentleman came to the door.

"Oh, you must be the king's son from Elim. Come in! Come in! This must be your lovely wife. We were not expecting the honor of your presence, my dear. I am so glad he brought you along.

"My name is Ken and this is my wife Ann." Out came a very spry lady in her early sixties.

"My! Are you Herman or Barrick?"

"I am---Barrick," he replied and wished he could walk out the door.

The man remembered him when he told his name.

“You look a little better than the last time I saw you,” the man smiled.

“Yes, sir.”

“Why didn’t you ever return here after you recovered completely?”

“I guess it was the shame of what I did.”

“Let that be of the past. You have a big job to do here.”

“I can see that. What happened to the lights in this town? It used to be so beautiful, now all we saw were your lights coming from this house and I see they are only candles?”

“Yes, Barrick our lovely kingdom has changed. The families used to help one another and now they are so closed into doing their own thing they will not even help their closest neighbor. I use to supply the whole kingdom with candles and the electricity, but since I am growing older I was hoping my own son, Philip, would help me to keep my business growing; but he has no interest in my trade and I can’t push him. My other children left the mountain discouraged by the way people were treating them. Others have trades or materials I would gladly trade for the candles and electricity but they refuse. So they go to bed early and use wood for heat and cooking.”

“Do these people steal from one another?”

“Oh, no! In fact, they obey all of Elohim’s commandments, but the one about loving your neighbor as yourself has been put on a shelf. They have no control over their children, for they believe love will guide their children and no discipline is necessary if they just love them. I am afraid I am guilty of that too.”

“Is that why your son won’t help you?”

“Yes and all the other children lend not one hand to help their fathers. The woman are also in rebellion, except my sweet Ann; they seem to think the men should do all the work. They seem to have lost the art of womanly duties.”

“Boy! Am I glad I brought my lovely Scotiah.” Barrick put his arm with a hug.

“I think you are going to be of help to me my pretty one.”

“That’s why I came. Let’s get started.”

“I think we could start tomorrow as we could pick these fine folks brain tonight,” replied Barrick.

“What started all these problems?” inquired Barrick.

“I would say a false prophet or teacher,” replied Ann quietly.

“He was only here a short time; did his damage and left,” affirmed Ken. “He taught the people right out of the Bible that the laws of Elohim were important but we needed to live by grace not works, for as long as we are good to our families we will do fine.”

“It was all this “Yahweh loves you just the way you are’ stuff. He came to save us all and we won’t get to heaven on our works but by just following his ways (the teachers ) we will all make it so why put out anymore effort than we need; that all seemed good to us. We were tired of providing things that people didn’t seem to appreciate.”

Barrick and Scotiah had heard enough and asked to be shown to their room. They began their plans.

When morning came, Scotiah and Barrick began calling on each family in the kingdom. They found out that all the men worked in the gold and silver mine at the side of the mountain. Barrick kissed Scotiah “good-bye” as he and Ken headed to the side of

the mountain where all the men were at work. Scotiah and Ann began going to the houses. They were well kept, but the children were very unruly and worthless, (according to Scotiah). She became very friendly with most of the women individually, but found they disliked each other very much. Most of the problems stemmed from the rudeness of their children. Since they had no control over their children, they were uncomfortable visiting one another and asking for help. They did school their children at home, however they felt the father should do that, so they waited until he got home so he could do all the schooling. Scotiah worked hard those first two weeks just helping the mothers with their children.

Barrick and Ken arrived at the mine and heard laughing and talking. It was noon when they arrived and the men were enjoying their lunches. Andrew was the first to greet Barrick with a warm handshake. "We were expecting you. We can sure use your help."

"You want my help after you heard of the mistakes I made on my last journey here?" questioned Barrick.

"You are probably the best man for the job," answered Andrew.

"Why is that?" inquired Barrick with a slight smile.

"You know that Yahweh often uses the weakest of men to do a big job. And it is usually a man that has had to learn some lessons the hard way."

"Well, you seem to know the scriptures. Why are you men having such a hard time applying them to your lives?" asked Barrick.

"Our wives were approached first, by this false teacher, just as Satan beguiled Eve, he beguiled our wives."

"You mean your wife is ruling you?"

"She doesn't mean to come across that way but it does. I don't want to cause trouble in my family, so I just let it be."

All the men were nodding at this last statement. Barrick soon found out that the men did not like the situation they were in, but they had believed the false teacher too. Now their families were almost destroyed. What could they do?

Barrick realized the men were together as friends, at the mines, however when they returned home they acted as if they were enemies to keep peace in the family. Barrick went to the mines with the men and worked with them. As he worked, he preached the love of Yahweh; how man's duty on earth was to be helpful to one another. He read to them out of Matthew 7:15-20 (*have a child read this*). He also told the story of the sower in the field in Matthew 13:24-30. (*Have child read this*) He showed how the tares were the evil thoughts planted.

He saw the men leave every day with a little more knowledge but when they returned to work the next day they were bitter again; their wives needed some more lessons but not the wordy lessons Scotiah was teaching. The men seemed happier at work than at home with their families.

Barrick and Scotiah decided on a plan especially after they received an urgent message from Herman and Teah. "PLEASE COME TO CARNE AND GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY. NEED YOUR HELP FOR THESE CONFUSE AND WICKED PEOPLE."

His brother was pleading for his help. What an opportunity! The day after he received the letter he went to the mines and talked to the men.

“Men, how would you like to go on a journey like the children of Israel did when they left Egypt? Only we will leave our wives with out protection and with all the work. Oh, they will not be left alone. All the young boys under the age of 20 will be staying here.”

“Why?” Andrew asked.

“I believe your wives and children need to learn a few lessons too.”

“Go home tonight and have your wives prepare a lamb and have a large meal, and bring some unleavened bread. Tell your wives they must only eat unleavened bread for the whole time we are gone. They will not have time for raising bread anyway. I guarantee that.” Barrick smiled. The men looked at one another with questions in their eyes. What could Barrick be planning?

\*Scotiah had already told the women to be prepared for their husbands’ departure so they accepted it graciously which surprised the men. They had their lamb meal that night.

The next morning they were all ready to go on their journey. There were over 100 men leaving the kingdom.

Scotiah began her work immediately by helping the children to organize themselves, bringing in the wood, which their fathers usually had to do every night after they had worked in the mines. The young girls began learning to do duties around the house, even weeding the gardens.

The men’s journey took three days to get to Carne, their destination. As they journeyed they made plans on how to change their kingdom.

Philip and Ken talked to one another. They agreed to get electricity back in service so every one could have lights at night in order to read Yahweh’s word. Philip also showed interest in making candles.

Some men showed their wares such as homemade shoes, belts, and some of them shared their talents—electrical repair, carpentry, tree falling, gardening, cabinet making and furniture design. (*Ask the children what other talents or crafts the men could have shared with one another*)

Then Barrick asked and told part of the Bible which the men had heard before, but never understood he read Luke 14: 25-27 (*Have child read*)

“We have heard that chapter before, but does that mean we will never see our children and wives again?”

\*“No, but you must love Yahshua so much that you would be willing to.” As they neared the kingdom of Carne, Barrick saw a change in all the men. They became stronger in self-esteem, but much more humble towards Yahweh.

### Chapter 3 The Gathering

Herman was thrilled to see his brother, Barrick, walk through the meeting hall door.

“Brother, you came. Thank you. I have a real problem. We have men here that have been preaching against the sanctity of marriage and family. The people are very unfruitful. I need you to help me, by giving your testimony.”

“I thought my testimony meant nothing to you. I will help but I also brought one hundred men to help you bring order.” At that moment, the mountain men walked in.

“Oh, keep them hid until later. Take them to the governor’s house until after your testimony. There is an extra large park where you can set up a camp there.”

“Come men; let’s depart via another street so we won’t be noticed. It’s awful hard to hide one hundred men.”

Barrick returned to the meeting hall. Simon, one of the men, stayed with him so he could run inconspicuously back for the other men when needed.

Herman began the welcome to the citizens of the kingdom of Carne. “As you know citizens and priests, my wife and I have come to help this kingdom.”

“Who says we need help?” yelled a young man. He was sitting by one of the priests.

“I think I’ll answer that with my brother, Barrick, coming to the stand. He is going to give his testimony of what happened to us after we passed your kingdom.”

“Thank you, my brother. To begin let us read out of Matthew 24:4-13. *(Have child read)* I have noticed many changes in this town since I was last here. You do worship the same idol. Your city caused me to commit my first sin. From then on something came over me that I could not seem to control. If it had not been for my brother reminding me of my journey’s purpose, I would have committed worse sins. I did however fail. I acted just as you do today. Not caring what will happen to you later on in life. Have you ever asked these priests what will happen, when you become old and feeble? Who will take care of you? I was almost killed because of my own selfish motivations. These priests are bleeding you too.” At this time, the priests became restless and began to leave.

Barrick continued, watching the priests leave. “Where is your life leading you? Are you going to lose the chance to enter into the kingdom of heaven because of your unfruitfulness here in the kingdom?” Barrick told the complete story of how he failed. The people began to weep. At that point Herman and Teah opened the doors---in flooded the forgotten children and the old people of the kingdom. They knew not where to go. Herman called the children and the old people to the front.

“Children, I know you are going to have a hard time finding your parents. How could you best recognize your Daddy’s” asked Herman as he bent down to one little boy.

“The only thing I remember is my daddy’s hands,” said one little boy.

“Very well, then we will have all the fathers come forward and hold out their hands and the children will tell who their fathers are.”

*(If you have a large enough group you can have the men stand behind a curtain and hold their hands out. The children can then march by and point to their father’s hands—if some one could sing the song “Daddy’s Hands” it adds to the moment.)*

Now all the children were being held by their father’s and their rightful mothers were standing beside them.

“How do we start over, Herman?”

Just then, they heard loud booms and then the earth shook. Soon the one hundred men from Mourna came storming into the meeting. They were herding the priests into the room.

Andrew spoke out. “We just found these men blowing up all the living quarters in the whole kingdom. They were just about to blow up the governor’s house when we stopped them. You people have no place to live if you lived in those high-rise buildings. What should we do with these prophets of Baal?”

Barrick and Herman looked at each other and then Herman opened his Bible.

“Yahshua told us to leave it to his angels as we read in Matthew 13:47-50. (*Have a child read this scripture*) I think we can rightfully cast these priests out of town or out of the kingdom. The men then took the priests, walked them to the end of the kingdom, and sent them away with only bitter herbs and unleavened bread to eat. They were also stripped of their priestly robes. The 100 men of Mournna returned to find all the families in the town joined. Barrick had taught them so well they decided to offer to help the people of Carne to rebuild their houses.

“We have learned to love our neighbors and our brothers. We will help you build your dwellings and teach you the skills that we have learned on our mountain. We have brought extra gold and silver to help you buy the materials and help furnish your homes.”

“How can we repay you? We have nothing now,” asked Vincent.

“You can repay us by coming to our village and helping us with things you know about and we don’t. Be our Brother Israelites,” suggested Andrew. “One other thing, let’s start by tearing down that awful gold idol and renaming this town to Aurora.”

Therefore, from that day the kingdom of Carne became the Kingdom of Aurora. The family unit was restored and houses with gardens once again lined the streets instead of massive buildings. The old folks began to tell the young people how to do many things the way Yahweh wanted them done; besides they were the wisest of all the people.

The children were taught at home and seemed so happy to receive the love and care they had been missing over the last few years.

Herman thanked Barrick for coming and asked how his mission was going.

“I think I have accomplished my mission just by seeing the response of the men of Mournna to these people in this kingdom. They no longer believe in doing only for themselves and just obeying Elohim’s laws. They had forgotten how to give real love. Now we will see how their families have responded. Good-bye, my brother.”

“Barrick, you have attained much wisdom and I would be proud to have you on my counsel.”

“Thank you, Herman, but I still have to see if my plan has worked on the home front,” Barrick replied laughing.

Barrick and the men were greatly surprised when late three nights later they arrived on the mountain and saw lights in every house. They were only candles but they brightly burned a warm ‘welcome home’, to the tired men.

The women could hear them coming and ran to their doors to embrace them. Barrick saw how much the women had changed, not just in appearance but also in gentleness.

The next morning everyone met at the great hall and had a wonderful reunion. They made plans for their kingdom.

As they were planning, Barrick and Scotiah slipped quietly away. They hugged Ken and Ann. They knew their job was done. Brotherly love was back on the mountain. The Kingdom of Mournna was restored.

Herman, Teah, Barrick and Scotiah returned after being gone for almost six months and were ready to start the winter together in the Kingdom of Elohim. King Ollam had greeted them with a great feast. He ended the feast honoring his sons by reading the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-20. (*Have child read*)

“My sons, you are joined in this kingdom to rule. One is the servant to the other. You decide who is serving whom.”

The next story will let us know about the two sons born to Herman and Barrick. It will show how wonderful it is to have a good loving father to have as a guide as well as Yahweh's written word.