**Sukkot - The Feast of Tabernacles**

It’s a celebration of **Thanksgiving**, **Eating**, **Giving, Water, Light**
 **Break 1 - Leviticus 23**You shall rejoice before the Lord your God. It shall be a statute forever in your generations.
Dwell in booths for seven days, because I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt.

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| **The Spring Festivals are all about Jesus** | **The Fall Festivals are all about Us** |
| Passover – He died | Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah – Our birth  |
| First Fruits – He rose (and emptied Hades) | Atonement – Our judgement  |
| Weeks/Pentecost – He sends the Holy Spirit | Tabernacles – Our life forever with Him  |
| Spring was the time of the grain harvest – His body (death for our sins) | Fall is the time of the fruit harvest – It’s about the benefits of the blood of Christ (living for God) |
|  | Our sins are atoned, so it's time to start our new life. We spend a week celebrating life with Him during the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths |
|  | On the 1st day and 8th day there shall be a holy convocation, and offerings every day. Tabernacles is **8 days – to infinity and beyond** |

You construct a sukkah - a lean-to or hut where you eat your meals during the festival.
God commanded us to remember the shelters the Israelites lived in during the Exodus when God provided all of their food (manna).
So we are celebrating our complete dependence on God for our provision.
And it reminds us of the Tabernacle in the wilderness where God met with Moses (fire and cloud) and offered the people a chance to meet with Him - they refused.

Exodus 29:45 "I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God."
John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
Dwelling is the word tabernacle which means: God will spread His tabernacle over them, so that they may dwell in safety and security under its cover and protection.

Celebrate what Jesus has done for us and what He has given to us – By sharing

Celebrate our daily life and relationship with Him – By sharing Him with Others

Celebrate eternity with Him – By prayer for others

**Victory Partners through their giving are creating Tabernacles every day around the world.**

**Break 2 – Give with Joy**

Sukkot is all about thanking God for all He provides.
What's the best way to be thankful - you give to someone in need.
The Feast of Tabernacles became known simply as "The Feast" and they called it the Season of Joy.

It’s Christmas and Thanksgiving combined

We look forward to when we will tabernacle or dwell with God in heaven and on the new earth
After all sin has been removed and the devil is cast into the lake of fire.

God has commanded us to rejoice (for a whole week).
And to give charity.
1) think about God and rejoice
2) think about Others and give

Deuteronomy 16:14-15
Be joyful at your festival -
you
your sons and daughters
your male and female servants
and the Levites
the foreigners
the fatherless
and the widows
who live in your towns.
15 For seven days celebrate the festival to the Lord your God at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.
16 Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles.

**No one should appear before the Lord empty-handed:**17 Each of you must bring a gift
in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.

Corrie Story – half is sharing
She was baptized in the Holy Spirit in the Spring on Pentecost

**God will never come into your presence empty handed**

That is a promise – He will give you life, strength, grace, a future, a dream, a vision, a family, a hope, and He will give you all of Himself every single day 24/7

**Break 3 – Water and Light - Jesus Goes to the Festival of Tabernacles**

During the Feast of Tabernacles, the Jews had a special ceremony of pouring our water and crying out to God to save them and bless them. The Jews also have a spectacular light show they doing with massive menorahs during this Feast.

**Water**John 7 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them. **Pouring out water. It's precious. To say come quickly Messiah. We trade everything for you. You are more precious.**

Genesis 26:18-19 And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham…Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of springing water there.

In Hebrew, the phrase springing water literally means "living waters".
Woman at well with Jesus. Talking about the spring (living water).
Wells are efforts of man’s hard labor. Springs come to you as a gift of God.

She knew there was no spring around so he must be talking about prophecy.
They point to the rock they carried in the desert that brought water when you ask.
Rephidim & Meribah
Jesus prophesied and the lady recognized the promises of a future Moses.

Moses struck rock “Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?”
As a prophet he condemned the Jews to rebel against the Rock.
His anger prophesied of their response to the Rock.

Numbers 20:8-12 The Lord said to Moses, “Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink.”
Speaking to the Rock. **It's time for prayer.** To release the Jews from their captivity.

He has provided bikes for missionaries, shoes for the needy, clothes for the poor, and a million meals for the hungry.
I believe it’s time to ask for a Million Souls
To have faith like Abraham - To be fruitful like Sarah
To find a King like David - A Priest like Aaron - A Prophet like Moses

**Give according to who He has blessed you – enable us to reach a million souls.**

Isaiah 26:18 We have been with child, we have been in pain; We have, as it were, brought forth wind; We have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth, nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

Psalm 84:4-7 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.
As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring; the rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.

**Break 4 – Light 1**
John 8 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2

If God was first, then no "thing" and no "one" else existed then, not even darkness.

“That which was from the beginning…” 1 John 1:1.

God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5.

Scripturally speaking, darkness isn’t the absence of light. (It’s actually scientifically impossible to create perfect darkness because all objects radiate heat in the form of infrared light and gamma rays and extremely high frequency light can penetrate even dense materials.) Darkness was probably the very first creation of God, before the universe itself. I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things. Isaiah 45:7

Darkness was a creation, and every creation has a purpose. God is always closer than our skin. It doesn't matter how dark or scary the situation gets, or how many times we have messed up, or how big the mess we made is. We are creations in process. We can know that the Spirit of God is hovering near us, and He has a vision for just what He's making us into. And He uses darkness, or hides things from us, as part of the process of revealing Himself to us.

Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. Genesis 1:3-5

"God divided the light from the darkness." To say it another way, Jesus triumphs over darkness. Everything God is doing in our lives is to accomplish one purpose, dividing the light from the darkness.

Ephesians 5 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

The light spectrum includes radio waves, microwaves, infrared, visible light, ultraviolet, x rays, gamma rays, and other electromagnetic radiation.

God is raising up many kinds of people with many kinds of gifts just like the many kinds of light. He is going to fill up some with a lot of power, others with revelation, others with skills, others for war.

**Break 5 – Light 2**

I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them. Isaiah 42:16

I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel. Isaiah 45:3

First things first, let’s look at the “treasure” and “riches” that God has hidden in the darkness of secret places. God supplies provision, sufficiency, riches, wealth, etc, and each in their proper time and place, according to His will and the needs of His kingdom.

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” Exodus 19:5-6

Notice that “you” are God’s idea of treasure. “Treasure” is in a class of its own. It is highly prized, even priceless, and kept secure. Likewise, “riches” imply an amount beyond what meets a need; it’s a quantity considered more than sufficient.

Luke 5 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Yeshua's (Jesus') feet, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he was astonished, and all that were with him, because of the catch of the fish which they had taken, and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Fear not, from now on you will catch men." So when they brought their ships to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Sukkot is a festival about rejoicing in the blessings that God has provided, but let’s be sure our focus is on the Lord of blessing – instead of the blessings!

Tithes
You start with 100% and there are 2 tithes
1st tithe: is specifically for the Levites (pastors/churches)
2nd tithe: is for you to enjoy and to use to be a blessing and honor God

Deuteronomy 14:22-27
22 Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.
23 Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name,
so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always.
24 But if that place is too distant and you have been blessed by the Lord your God and cannot carry your tithe (because the place where the Lord will choose to put his Name is so far away), 25 then exchange your tithe for silver, and take the silver with you and go to the place the Lord your God will choose. 26 Use the silver to buy whatever you like: cattle, sheep, wine or other fermented drink, or anything you wish.
Then you and your household shall eat there in the presence of the Lord your God and rejoice.
27 And do not neglect the Levites living in your towns, for they have no allotment or inheritance of their own.

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