

## **Pentecost - Feast of Weeks - Shavuot - Shaw-vwatt (Weeks)**

**Break 1 – 50 is Freedom (much contention about the Sabbath that starts the counting and about every facet of this feast, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, etc)**

Pentecost is Learning to Better Hear the Voice of God

And it's discovering that He is your Helper

It's learning to not just study Him, but to encounter Him, to be filled by Him continually

The Menorah is a seven-branched candelabrum with 7 candles in a straight row.

The middle candle is alone - there are three candles grouped together on each side.

Think of the left three as the Spring Feasts: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits.

Think of the right three as the Fall Feasts: Rosh Hashanah, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles

Pentecost is the candle in the middle - the helper candle (think Holy Spirit is the Helper).

We celebrated The Feast of Unleavened Bread nearly two months ago with Passover and The Feast of First Fruits (That was Resurrection Day) – It was also when the Barley harvest was ready and they went into the fields and waved a bundle of barley before God in thanks.

That day when the wave offering is made, is a day of newness. Nothing from that season's harvest can be eaten until after the wave offering is made. Why? God established these festivals as times of divine renewal or newness - **what was forbidden becomes permissible**. When Jesus comes out of the grave and offers the wave offering (of all those souls who had been locked away in Hades), He opened the door into eternity with God for all mankind who had been trapped in sin. We who were forbidden became acceptable and part of the divine harvest. We have been redeemed. When you think waving – think freedom.

Now we arrive at the Feast of Weeks / Shavuot - Shaw-vwatt (Weeks) / Pentecost

It's to be observed on the fiftieth day after Passover, after "seven sevens" — that is, seven weeks — have passed. It's called Pentecost by Christians because that's the Greek word for fifty – and that was the common language at the time of the writing of the New Testament.

Just as First Fruits is the barley harvest, 50 days later the wheat harvest is ready, the priests prepare two loaves of wheat bread and wave it before God, to thank God for bringing forth a harvest. (Lev. 23:17).

### **5777/2017 is a Jubilee Year (the last one was in 1967)**

Rabbi Judah ben Samuel (1140-1217)

**“When the Ottomans (Turks) conquer Jerusalem they will rule over Jerusalem for eight jubilees (400 years). Afterwards Jerusalem will become no-man's land for one jubilee, and then in the ninth jubilee it will once again come back into the possession of the Jewish nation – which would signify the beginning of the Messianic end time.”**

The Mamluk Bahri dynasty was conquered by the Ottoman Turks in the year of 1517, three hundred years after the death of Rabbi Judah ben Samuel.

The Turks were not conquered until 1917 (400 years later), by the British.

But, beginning in 1917, the city of Jerusalem remained a “divided city” for 50 years.

Jordan controlled the eastern part. A strip of land divided Jerusalem. The strip was called “The **No-Man's Land**” by both Israelis and Jordanians. It was fifty years later that the Israeli army captured the

city of Jerusalem in the Six Day War on June 17, 1967. So, exactly **one Jubilee later, 50 years**, Jerusalem returned for the first time to the control of the Jewish-Israeli ownership since the day when Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 CE.

5777 marks the 11<sup>th</sup> Jubilee since that prophecy of the beginning of the Messianic Age.

This is the final feast of the Jubilee year.

## **Break 2 – Countdown to a Wedding**

Because we are the Bride of Christ, Pentecost is a type of Renewing our vows yearly

Pentecost 2,000 years ago was a reenactment of Sinai 3,500 years ago – that's why the disciples were told to wait before beginning ministry - all Jews had to travel every year to Jerusalem for Passover and then return for Pentecost – Because God had a plan.

Passover was fulfilled in the death of the Lamb of God

First Fruits was fulfilled in His resurrection

Pentecost was the day when God sent His Holy Spirit

Letter kills. Spirit give life.

Moses hid the glory behind a veil

Jesus tore down the veil and on Pentecost the spirit was visible to all.

It's a countdown or preparation for something – What?

The Feast of Weeks was the only festival for which the date is not given (a certain day of a certain month – like Passover was the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month).

This same Pentecost/Weeks (Wedding Day) was when the Holy Spirit came to dwell within man as a deposit (wedding ring) of what is to come.

Keep in mind the Passover season (50 days ago) was our betrothal or engagement to God.

Jesus dies, rises from the grave and stays for 40 days and then leaves promising He will return.

In a Jewish marriage, before the wedding the groom leaves for an unspecified amount of time (It's not known exactly when he will return). He goes to prepare a place for his bride to live.

So Jesus ascends into heaven from Mount Zion promising to return for the disciples,

and in Revelation we learn that He will in fact return to Mount Zion.

Why there? To get His bride.

Each year since the time of Moses, Shavu'ot was when Israel would stand before God on their wedding day, complete with a canopy (Mt Sinai), a ketubah (marriage contract - the Torah), and stipulations of the covenant which included a homeland and a Temple which would serve to maintain the covenant.

Passover was when God promised to marry us; Shavu'ot is the marriage itself.

The seven weeks in between, are like the 7 days that a bride-to-be counts in preparation for her wedding, when she purifies and readies herself.

"Weeks" is a name that speaks of the road which must be traveled to accomplish our goal.

### Break 3 – God’s Perspective

So we are back in Egypt as the Israelites begin their Exodus. The plagues have come and gone, they have had Passover, they cross the Red Sea, travel through the desert, God meets their needs and they finally arrive at Mount Sinai.

They don’t realize it, but it’s their wedding day. Essentially, they refuse to meet with God, instead they choose Moses to represent them and promise to obey him.

Moses ascends the mountain to receive God’s commands and while they wait, they create a golden calf to worship. They were longing for relationship that only God could provide.

It’s His story - Not ours. We will read and look at it from His perspective.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

The first Pentecost / Feast of Weeks (for Moses and the Israelites coming out of Egypt) was celebrated at Mount Sinai where the Law was given. But there is more to the story...

The 10 Commandments was the vows or marriage contract.

(This wedding was an epic fail - So Revelation 21 has our new vows)

Mount Sinai is the Chuppah (wedding canopy) over their heads.

All the people gather at the foot of Mount Sinai and God declares out loud the 10 Commandments (this is before the tablets of stones)

*Deuteronomy 4:11-14 “Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. 12 And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice. 13 So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.*

After this encounter with God, the Elders actually have a wedding feast with God on the mountain. - then the tablets of stone

*Exodus 24:9-11 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.*

## Break 4 - Voices and Fire

### Voices and Fire

"When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear." (Exodus 20:18). In Hebrew, the "thunder and lightning" in this passage literally reads "voices and (torches or fires or lights)." "Voices" was translated "thunders", because voices are normally heard rather than seen, and "torches" was translated "lightnings" to perhaps match logically.

The word "voices" is plural. What the people heard was one God, but many voices or languages. This means that everyone heard the Torah in a way that they could understand it in the language that they spoke, even though they were a "mixed multitude" (Exodus 12:38).

In Acts 2:1-4, we have: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **(a large fire of some sort came down from heaven and then divided and covered each one of them)** 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." You have voices and torches again.

Acts 2:5-8 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

The Bible says the people heard in their language but it doesn't say they spoke in that language. Just like at Sinai, everyone heard in their own language as God spoke.

This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

But Acts stops there, but the next verse Joel explains why Peter picked that verse:

32 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

God told where it would happen the next time – not at Sinai – but Zion

Isaiah 2:2-3 In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

The Spirit and the Law would now both go forth from Zion written on the hearts of men, not stones.

- A "mixed multitude" who came to worship the God of Israel
- Voices and torches were seen (and heard)
- A sign of 3000. 3000 died when they rejected the Torah at Sinai.
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- A "mixed multitude" who came to worship the God of Israel
- Everyone heard in their own language in a way which he could understand.
- 3000 lived when they accepted the Torah through the Spirit on Zion.

## **Break 5 - The Sound of His Presence**

What does the voice of God sound like?

He warns us when we start to stray; whispers encouragement to us when we struggle; commands our enemies to flee; comforts us when we fail or lose someone dear; and even sings over the deepest parts of us in the good and bad times because life is hard and he is familiar with our suffering.

He does it with His presence, through words or even groans we can't comprehend, and He does it in symbolic ways. The blast of the shofar is one of the more interesting symbols of His presence. Since God speaks in diverse ways for different situations, the shofar has several distinct blasts. In ancient Israel, one long sustained blast was a common reassuring sound that meant the watchmen guarding the city were on duty and all was well. That sound divided up the watches of the day and night. He is always calling us to be prayerful watchman on His walls. If we were more alert, we would notice that from morning to night He woos us to draw near so that we might receive His strength and comfort.

Three successive blasts signaled some significant event – usually it meant good tidings. Likewise, He rejoices over us with singing and dancing. I love that God finds joy in celebrating us. Most of us will never hear the sound of applause on earth, but if we draw near to God in those moments, we will feel His deep affection. What so many of us are trying to get from “likes” on Facebook is available from the One who created and sustains everything.

And the third trumpet call, nine rapid bursts, was the sound of alarm. It meant they were under attack and all the fighting men were needed to draw together immediately for battle. Like Israel, we all need to be alarmed so that we become aware of sin that separates us from God. We need to know an enemy has drawn near. And we need to hear His voice reminding us of our need for atonement. When your spirit feels shaken within you, learn to respond to the sound of His alarm. We need to constantly pray, “lead us not into temptation but from deliver us from evil”.

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.  
Genesis 3:8

The word used in Genesis 3 for God's “voice” is the Hebrew word “qol”. It is also used for the sound of thunder, water, rain, a multitude, or when someone is calling out, shouting, or even singing. It's also used for the sound of a shofar blast (like the one heard on Mt Sinai along with thunder and lightning that made the Israelite camp tremble in fear).

The second phrase used in Genesis 3, “in the cool”, is the Hebrew word “ruwach”. While ruwach is translated “cool” for this verse, it’s used nearly one hundred times for “wind”, and several hundred times for the “Holy Spirit”. So, when we read a little deeper, we have the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all coming to deal with the sin of Adam and Eve, to bring them out of hiding. God’s voice is carried on the wind of the Holy Spirit through the Garden beckoning Adam and Eve to come out of hiding. They find judgment, but they also find His deep love for them.

### **Break 6 - The Sound of Fear**

The shofar or trumpet is first mentioned in history in 1500 BC in Egypt around the time of the Exodus. The Israelites were probably awakened each morning to the slave masters calling them to work with the trumpet, and their movement throughout the days directed by those loud blasts. It was the very sound of their oppression. When they marched out of Egypt and waited at the Red Sea, that same sound filled the air as the armies of Egypt rushed down on their position. So imagine their terror when they arrived at Mount Sinai to hear the voice of God, and they heard the terrifying sound of the shofar.

It’s easy to understand their hesitation, but they were missing the significance. God knew completely how they felt about that sound. As God revealed His law on Mt Sinai, He also revealed His deep love for them, not as a slave master, but as a protector who would now bring terror to anyone choosing to become their enemy.

“You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” Exodus 19:4-7,16

In Numbers 10 God tells them to forge silver trumpets so that they can call Him whenever they need Him, “When you go into battle in your own land against an enemy who is oppressing you, sound a blast on the trumpets. Then you will be remembered by the LORD your God and rescued from your enemies.”

Sadly, while the former slaves never could shake their terror, and all of them eventually died in the desert, the generations that followed discovered that the shofar blast was the very voice of God and used it to bring down the walls of Jericho, to coronate kings, in the temple worship, and placed it in the hands of the priests and Levites to lead the way into battle.

The shofar is a means of awakening the slumbering soul. "Awake, sleepers from your sleep, and slumbering ones arise from your slumber! Examine your deeds. Remember your creator and do teshuvah." Mishneh Torah, Laws of Repentance

Do you hear the voice of the Lord calling? In His Word, through music and dance, and so many forms, His voice is always calling out to us to stop and listen. “Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near.” Joel 2:1

The root of the word shofar means to beautify...when we turn to God we are made beautiful

## Break 7 - Together

### Upper "Room"

They gathered in an upper room in Acts 1:13. They describe it as a place they are staying and where the small group of leaders/disciples meet to make decisions.

But this room from Acts 1 is not where they are described as gathering in Acts 2.

The word "house" in Acts 1 is "oikia" meaning house or home, or a place of dwelling, is used to describe the place where they were sitting.

But the word used in the Greek in Acts 2 is "oikon," from "oikos" which is predominately used to mean "the Sanctuary or House of God".

Specifically, the Temple courtyard.

There were 4 courtyards in the temple area (one for Priests, Israelites, Women, and Gentiles. More than enough room for hundreds to gather and everyone to react to what happens.

The day of Pentecost arrives, as it had for centuries, since the first Pentecost at Mt Sinai, when Moses received the Ten Commandments. These men are sitting together, somewhere in the courtyard of the Israelites, when this awesome whirring, roar, like the rushing violent wind of a tornado blasts onto the Temple Mount and into the Temple courtyard of the Israelites, which is filled to capacity with men there for the Temple services of Shavu'ot.

The Holy Spirit in voice and fire falls on this group of men probably sitting off to themselves to avoid persecution from the others on the Temple Mount. "And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house (courtyard) where they were sitting.

### Why Tablets of Stone – Why hearts that can turn to stone

Long after you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you can fall away deep into sin but still have the baptism of the Holy spirit and the gifts that come with it.

The same reason that God chose to engrave His commands on tablets of stone,

There are two kinds of letters. Letters which are written, and letters which are engraved.

The difference is that written letters are ultimately separate from what they are written on.

They are not one with the paper or the parchment. The letters are of ink and they adhere to the paper, and then are they one.

When letters are engraved, the letters themselves are from the same medium as that on which they are written. The letters are not something external, they emanate from the stone itself.

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jer. 31:33; cf. Heb. 8:10).

So, when God does a work in us, it's literally transformative, He becomes a part of us.

You can mis-use any gift, use them in immaturity, use them in sin, submit them to the devil.

You can walk away from your relationship with son into disobedience and throw away your relationship now and for eternity.

Romans 8:14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit doesn't make a different kind of Christian, He fills you with His presence, empowers you with His presence, equips you with His presence, comforts you with His presence, etc

In Acts 2, we read about the original outpouring of the Holy Spirit during Pentecost. By Chapter 4, these same people, are seeking to be refilled again.

**On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to**

God...After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

It was not a one-time experience, but rather a constant refilling of the Spirit which they needed to change their world. They continually sought to be empowered to accomplish whatever task God assigned to them, so they kept getting filled – and refilled -- and refilled.

## Break 8 - Tongues

Often when I wake up or pause in my days I find myself praying in tongues. It's become almost automatic.

Acts 1:4-8 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 2:1-4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 10:44-46 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Acts 19:1-7 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

- There has been more conflict throughout church history on this one subject than probably every other issue combined because it is not intellectual and can't be understood or argued or controlled by man. It requires faith and obedience.
- The experience was different for me, then it was for Kelly, and then it was for Corrie.
- Wait for the promise - no matter how long it takes -
- No matter what others experience, don't assume God will do things the same way with you.

- Worship Him constantly - ask to be filled
- When opportunities arise for the laying on of hands - have faith and see what happens.
- Don't stop till you are full.

## Break 9 – Pentecost Offerings

### Pentecost - The Feast of Weeks

The Feast of First Fruits was the wave offering that represented the resurrection of Jesus and those in Hades. There was barley with oil, a lamb, and wine.

Now we are going forward 50 days to another wave offering. This one is the Feast of Weeks/Pentecost.

*Leviticus 23:15-23* “From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then **present an offering of new grain to the Lord.**

From wherever you live, **bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering** of firstfruits to the Lord.

Present with this bread seven male lambs, each a year old and without defect, one young bull and two rams.

They will be **a burnt offering** to the Lord, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings—a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the Lord.

Then sacrifice **one male goat for a sin offering and two lambs, each a year old, for a fellowship offering (or peace offering)...**

“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the Lord your God.”

**Meal Offering that's waved - flour, frankincense, oil, salt - an unblemished life**

**Burnt Offering- it's all burned - the life and death of Jesus perfectly accomplished the will of God.**

**Sin Offering - remission of sin**

**Fellowship or Peace Offering - He became our peace or substitute**

*So you have yeast in an offering of bread, lambs, and bulls, and rams and goats, and a little addendum to remember the poor. A lot is going on and something different is happening.*

**The focus is on wheat, but they brought the first fruits all their crops.**

There were 7 common crops at Pentecost (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates).

1,550 years after the first Feast of Weeks, this is the day the Holy Spirit came upon the believers gathered together.

What happens when the Holy Spirit comes into your life? You manifest the Fruit of the Spirit.

The first Pentecost was when Moses and Israel received the Law. Jesus fulfilled the first three feasts, in His death, burial and resurrection (Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits).

The Feast of Weeks is fulfilled in the empowering of the Church to bring the harvest of the Gospel.

### **Break 10 - Elements of the Feast of Weeks/Pentecost:**

**All Major Sacrifices were Present** - Only Christians can receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit

**The Date is Unknown** - God is fully in control and it is a language that you don't learn to speak

**2 Leavened Loaves** - 2 elements are required - the Holy Spirit and you are necessary.

**Wedding Day** - it's an aspect of becoming one with Christ which causes your life to be fruitful

**Out of Control** - God does it - You receive it

*Deuteronomy 4:11-12 "Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice."*

First Fruits was the harvest of barley. Weeks/Pentecost was when the summer Wheat/other crops harvest were brought to the Temple.

Remember how Israel was forbidden to eat the barley crop before the feast of Firstfruits.

The same principle is applied toward the wheat and other crops. Why?

Luke 24:49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Acts 1:4,8 He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father...But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

There was no salvation or infilling of the Holy Spirit without the cross.

There is no power apart from the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

**Revival** - Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Gifts of the Spirit, Tongues, Healings, Salvations, and Profound Repentance with a Life Change have been a part of every major Revival & Move of God in History

Moravians 1700's, 1st Great Awakening 1700's (Edwards/Whitefield), 2nd Great Awakening 1800's (Finney/Booth), Welsh Revival & Azusa Street 1900's (Roberts/Parham/Seymour), Hebrides 1950's (Duncan Campbell), Brownsville 1990's

### **Personal Stories/Testimonies**

Ray/Kelly/Corrie

## Break 11 - Double Shadows

They wave 1 sheaf of barley at First Fruits, but 2 loaves of leavened bread at Weeks.

### Why 2 loaves?

It's a Double Shadow.

\*\*\*1. It's our wedding day which requires a bride and groom.

Revelation 21:1-4 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'"

\*\*\*2. Israel is a nation of Jews. The church is made up of both Jews and Gentiles.

Ephesians 2:14-17 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. and He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

### Why leavened?

It's a Double Shadow.

This is the only religious service in which priests use leavened bread.

1. The harvest will be people who will not live entirely sin free (unleavened speaks of God).

The church will rely on God's righteousness to make them blameless.

Leaven (yeast) is a symbol of decay.

While we are in these bodies, we are dying or decaying daily.

2. In the same way that the Israelites lifted up the serpent in the desert and it represented Jesus on the cross, this leaven represents the Holy Spirit

*Matthew 13:33 Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."*

In this case, the Holy Spirit in us is causing a change in us, changing our nature and character into a sweet smelling fragrance (fresh yeasty bread smells awesome).

Jesus calls Himself the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. That Greek word for bread (artos) is used only for leavened bread. The word for unleavened bread is (azumos).

## Break 12 – No Tongues But Other Gifts

### There are many Jewish traditions associated with Pentecost:

1. Ruth took on the yoke of the Law on this holiday (the entire book of Ruth is read in the synagogue on Shavuot). **A tradition is to share what we have, in keeping with the commands to feed the stranger, the orphan, the widow and other poor and unfortunate people as Boaz did for Ruth.**
2. Ruth was the ancestor of King David, and according to the Talmud, David was born and died on Shavu'ot / Pentecost. You can look at David's life as an example of our life journey. We follow him from boyhood to death, from sheep field to the throne, from worship to sin to repentance.
3. It's the time of the giving of the Law - the Torah was given on the day of Pentecost. **Milk dishes are the customary foods, symbolizing the Torah which is likened to milk. Another custom is to spend the night before Shavu'ot in prayer and study so as to be prepared spiritually for the commemoration of the giving of the Torah.**

### Can you be baptized in the Holy Spirit and power without speaking in tongues?

If you don't speak in tongues, but obviously have gifts and anointing then they are coming from a different source than what is known as the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

#### Gifts of the Father

Romans 12:4-8 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

#### Gifts of the Son

Ephesians 4:11-13 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

#### Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

## Break 13 – One Building (Part 1)

**What is Pentecost about. The blood of Jesus tore down the veil to the holy of holies. The Holy Spirit unites us into one building. His temple.**

He gave us gifts. The fivefold gifts so that we could grow together into one new man. Walk in love, light, wisdom. Become His bride by loving your spouse and children. He will do through you by his Spirit as you put him on daily like armor.

### **Ephesians – Spring Feasts**

In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ...In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. (Passover)

With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment - to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. (**Pentecost**)

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. (**Pentecost**)

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, (**First Fruits**)

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (**Pentecost**)

## Break 14 – One Building (Part 2)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (**Unleavened Bread**)

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (**First Fruits**)

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (**Pentecost**)

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them. (**Unleavened Bread**)

## Break 15 – One Building (Part 3)

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **(Pentecost)**

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless....“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. **(Pentecost) - Unity**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. **(Pentecost) - Power**

## **Break 16 – Wedding Commands**

Listen to the wedding vows. 10 vows.

The first 5 are how we relate to God. The second 5 are how we relate to the other members of the bride.

2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 “You shall have no other gods before Me.

I rescued you because I love you and you alone. I give you me. Don't give your love to anyone else.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Focus on Me. Because I am all about you.

7 “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Let my name make your heart sing

The Lord = Jehovah = "the existing One" = I Am

The proper name of the one true God

Think of the teenager writing the name of the one they love over and over and over

It became the unpronounced word in Hebrew - except without the vowels

8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Let's not get sidetracked doing even important stuff - let's take time to just be together every week

12 Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

The way I am treating you is the way I want you to treat my bride.

Look for ways to honor them,

I will give you everything you need and I will give each of them everything they need so don't lose your focus.

Don't hurt them, don't take what I give them, don't lie about them.

Don't even desire what I give them.

2 Samuel 12:7-9 The prophet Nathan rebukes David for his sins"

"Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! 9 Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight?'"

Name of God: The consonants (hard sounds) they kept. The vowels (soft sounds) they removed.

He rejoices over us with singing. Cantors perform Jewish services.

Imagine singing without the vowels...All the beauty is gone

## Break 17 – Epic Wedding Vow Fail

So what has God done with the Israelites so far?

He instituted Passover in Egypt - blood on their doors protect them.

He delivered them from slavery (a bad relationship)

Killed the first born of the Egyptians (this is what I will do to those who try to hurt you)

Divided the Red Sea and leads them through (nothing will separate us)

Provided over and over all they need during their long desert journey

Finally they arrived 50 days later at Mt Sinai and God says "it's time to marry me"

Deuteronomy 5:23-33

23 "So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. 24 And you

said: 'Surely the Lord our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he still lives.

This must have been terrifying - it was intended to comfort them - they were marrying Him - He was showing them how awesome He was - that they need fear no one

25 Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the Lord our God anymore, then we shall die. 26 For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27 (They say to Moses) You go near and hear all that the Lord our God may say, and tell us all that the Lord our God says to you, and we will hear and do it.'

So God offers marriage and they say no thanks.

28 "Then the Lord heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the Lord said to me: 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. 29 Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever! 30 Go and say to them, "Return to your tents."

That's the saddest verse in the Bible - you can hear God's heart break - the ceremony ends - the bride goes one way and the groom goes the other - the marriage is delayed for 1,500 years

31 But as for you, stand here by Me, and I will speak to you all the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe them in the land which I am giving them to possess.' 32 "Therefore you shall be careful to do as the Lord your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33 You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

## **Break 18 – Epic Wedding Vow Redemption**

**My story of:**

**Cessationists was followed by meeting Spirit-filled believers**

**Rejected revival by those who had sought it**

What was intended to the wedding vows become the first 10 commandments of 613 laws in the Torah.

248 Positive Commandments (do's) and 365 Negative Commandments (do not's)

To add to their burden there is the Talmud (traditions and explanations) which is over 6,200 pages long.

There are 1,050 commands in the New Testament for Christians to obey.

Due to repetitions we can classify them under about 800 headings.

## The Wedding Vows of the Bride of Christ

Revelation 21:1-8 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying,

\*“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

\*4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes;

\*there shall be no more death,

\*nor sorrow,

\*nor crying.

\*There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

\*5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

\*6 And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

\*7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

\*8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

## Break 19 – A Weddings is an Event – A Marriage is a Choice (Part 1)

Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Repent – sins are removed – times of refreshing come

We want to get our way and be refreshed by people (spouse) or things

If we turn to God, He will remove the things that are hindering us from being refreshed

He is our Bridegroom – when we submit to Him everything changes

Exodus 6

Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. 7 I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. He’s using the language of marriage

Hosea 2

“Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her. There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor (trouble) a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt. “And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more...And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in

steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord...and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'" (God had Hosea named his children to describe how God was going to judge Israel – No Mercy & Not My People were renamed Mercy and My People) – again very obvious language of marriage

Matthew 24 – not the rapture – not the good people taken away

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

**Break 20 – A Weddings is an Event – A Marriage is a Choice (Part 2)**

Matthew 25 The Parable of the Ten Virgins

25 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' 7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 9 "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' 10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11 "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' 12 "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' 13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Lamp - the word of God	Oil – the Holy Spirit
Salvation from Egypt at Passover	Salvation by Jesus on the cross as the Passover lamb
Moses receives the Torah on the day of Pentecost and God descends speaks with tongues of fire	120 received the gift of the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire at Pentecost
God's Law written in stone	God's Law written on our hearts

## John 2 Jesus Changes Water Into Wine at a Wedding to begin His ministry

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-27