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

**Shame and Guilt Outlet**

**Shirt with Jonah – Sent to rescue his enemies, who he hated**

**Hidden Vows – You can’t see them, but you can feel them**

**Break 1 – What Was Forbidden Becomes Permissible**  
  
This all began in the time of Moses, but let’s fast forward to the days of Jesus to look at what it was all about.

We celebrated The Feast of Unleavened Bread nearly 7 weeks 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).

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

The Letter kills. The Spirit gives 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 (Every other Feast was on a certain day of a certain month – like Passover was the 14th day of the first month).   
This same Pentecost/Weeks (Is a picture of our Wedding Day) when the Holy Spirit came to dwell within man as a deposit (wedding ring) of what is to come.

**Break 2 – 715am The Feast of Weeks Offerings**

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

**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).  
  
Pentecost 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 Feast of Weeks is fulfilled in the empowering of the Church to bring the harvest of the Gospel.

**All Major Sacrifices were Present** – (Meal Offering, Burnt Offering, Sin Offering, & Fellowship Offering) Why - 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  
  
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 at Pentecost. Why?

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.

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.”

**Break 3 – 730am A Countdown to a Wedding**

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.

Biblical Hebrew is very different from our English language. One of the big difference is the verb tenses. In English we have past, present, and future (God gave, God is giving, God will give).

Biblical Hebrew, has only two tenses: **perfect and imperfect**.   
The imperfect tense is **that which is not yet, not done, or not completed**.   
The perfect is **that which is done, complete and finished**.

If you have ever struggled with faith, it’s probably because you are thinking in English.  
The Bible describes **things that are yet to come in the perfect tense, (as if they are already completed).** Some call this the prophetic past.   
God can have a finished work that hasn’t happened yet - like our salvation.  
We are becoming what we already are in Him.   
Being born again is to be born from above from the finished, perfect work of God.

We look at our problems differently from the heavenly point of view because they are already resolved!

So, when we watch or listen to Jesus, He is thinking and speaking form this Perfect Tense.  
 *Matthew 6:30-34 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

**Break 4 – 40 Days & 10 Days**

So, the 50 days of Pentecost or The Feast of Weeks has 2 Parts. **40 Days & 10 Days = 50 Days**

After His resurrection, Jesus stayed of the earth for another 40 days, before He ascends into heaven.  
10 more Days pass and it is Pentecost when he sends the Holy Spirit.   
So 40 days and 10 days.

40 days means a complete period, season, age, or cycle.  
10 also represents completeness, order.

The Bible was written by forty different people. (that was the age of the word)

40 years after Jesus rose, the Romans burned Jerusalem and destroyed the temple.

40 days of fasting, 40 days spying the Promised Land, 40 years in the wilderness (the time it takes for a new generation to arise).

The 40 days Jesus remains on the earth after he is resurrected and the 10 days He is in heaven before He sends the Holy Spirit both mean something

On His last day with them before His crucifixion: John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Before He ascended, Matthew 28:18-20 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

It’s not as obvious in English, but His words were not random; Jesus spent 40 days with them on earth, then ascended, because He was saying, this is me being with you, not just now, but to the end of the age. It’s a visual picture.

Jesus has been in heaven for the last 2,000+ years just doing that 40-day cycle over and over, being with us, being faithful, giving grace, interceding, etc.

After He ascends, then comes the 10 days and BOOM, the Holy Spirit comes.

So, we know that one day the Father will say, Son, go get your bride. Then comes our wedding, which is the end of this world.   
So the Holy Spirit represents everything about the wedding, or eternity.

**So, think of the verb tenses again, why does the Holy Spirit come 10 days after Jesus ascends? He said:**

* And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
* And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

He was speaking in the perfect tense, so He is saying “pay attention to what I do during the 10 days (because it represents eternity).

We can be confident that He will return for us, why, because it is as certain as what He did during the 40 days.

**Break 5 – 820am What He Begins…**

Leviticus 23:15 “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.”

Passover was the crucifixion - on a Thursday.

The Friday night to Saturday night Sabbath comes next

So, the day after the Sabbath (when you start counting to 50) was Resurrection Day

Jesus comes out of the tomb and into us.

50 days later the Holy Spirit comes out of heaven and into us.

John 20:19-23 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

This can be a little confusing because of how He says two things.  
It’s really only confusing in English, not in Hebrew.  
It’s the Perfect tense concept again.  
Jesus is beginning something that will actually happen later.

**Receive the Holy Spirit**

This was not the baptism of the Holy Spirit, this was salvation, the receiving of Christ.  
They had followed Him and put their faith in him but could not receive Him until He rose  
Same perfect tense concept. Were they saved for the last three years?   
Yes, but not yet.

* “But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.”—Romans 8:10
* “I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.”—Galatians 2:20
* “My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you.”—Galatians 4:19
* “That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith.”—Ephesians 3:17

**I am sending you**

He told them to wait until they received the Holy Spirit before they went anywhere.  
(tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high)  
Again, this is the first day of the 50 days, not the baptism, this is receiving Christ

This all happens on the evening of Resurrection day – Day 1 of counting to 50

**The whole 50 days counting to Pentecost is all about Jesus showing that He is Faithful**What He Begins He Finishes  
That’s how we think of it using the English language

In Hebrew you would think of it like this:  
What He Does, He Does

Day 1 Jesus Rises to Life Again  
We count 7 weeks – Seven is the number of completeness and perfection   
If Week 1 was about resurrection power  
Week 2 is twice as powerful  
Week 3 doubles that power, etc  
Something powerful is coming  
It’s not just about Jesus having more power, He already had all power  
He’s getting ready to give us power  
We are His body on the earth – greater things will we do  
How much greater – 7 times greater

**Let’s go back to the night before the crucifixion:**

John 14 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” 9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

**Break 6 – 840am 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 7 – 855am 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.

**Sinai:**

* A "mixed multitude" who came to worship the God of Israel
* Voices and torches were seen (and heard)
* 3000 died when they rejected the Torah at Sinai.

**Zion:**

* 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 8 – 915am 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 “quol”. 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 9 – 930am 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 10 – 950am Tongues in the Word**

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 then 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.
* How long do you wait?
  + 10 Days represents completeness or as long as it takes
  + Me – 1 year
  + You – as long as it takes
  + Don’t stop waiting
  + He is Faithful
  + Don’t rewrite His Word to fit your situation
  + Don’t let a preacher/teacher rewrite the Word
  + He waited for doubting Thomas
  + He waited for the guys on the way to Emmaus
  + He waited for You

**Break 11 – 1008am 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 then 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 12 – 1030am 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 you 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 13 – 1045am 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** “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. 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 14 – 1058am Epic Wedding Vow Redemption**

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.”