

Focal Point: Pt 8 - Jesus Celebrates

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Psalm 122:1 NIV I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

Genesis 1:1 NIV In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- **And God saw that it was good.**

John 3:16 NIV For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 2:10 NIV Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.

- **Our God is good, and He is a God of celebration!**
- **God's Goodness is meant to be experienced.**

Psalm 34:8 NIV Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

“Celebration is the completion of worship, for it dwells on the greatness of God as shown in His goodness to us. We engage in celebration when we enjoy ourselves, our life, our world, in conjunction with our faith and confidence in God’s greatness, beauty, and goodness.” - Dallas Willard

“Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” -

Ferris Bueller

Matthew 5:17 NIV Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

1) The Feast of Passover

Leviticus 23:5 NIV The LORD's Passover begins at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month.

- **We celebrate by remembering God's Goodness.**

Psalms 100:4 NIV Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

2) The Feast of Unleavened Bread

Leviticus 23:6-7 NIV On the fifteenth day of that month the Lord's Festival of Unleavened Bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast. On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.

- **We celebrate by resting in God's Goodness.**

Hebrews 4:9-10 NIV There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.

"In Christ we can rest from the crushing burden of self-salvation." - Tim Keller

3) The Feast of Firstfruits

Leviticus 23:10 NIV When you come into the land and reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest.

- **We celebrate by relying on God's Goodness.**

The happiest people on earth aren't those who

have the most, but those who live faith-filled, generous lives.

4) The Feast of Pentecost

Leviticus 23:16 NIV Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD.

• **We celebrate by rejoicing in God's Goodness.**

Philippians 4:4 NIV Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

The world chases happiness, hoping to find joy, but followers of Jesus receive joy that produces true happiness.

Joy is our worship.

Psalm 100:1-2 NIV Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.

Joy is our testimony.

Psalm 126:2-3 NIV Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

Joy is our reward.

James 1:2-3 NIV Consider it pure joy ... whenever you face trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Joy is our response.

Jeremiah 15:16 NIV When your words came, I ate them; they were

my joy and my heart's delight.

Joy is our eternal destiny.

Matthew 25:21 NIV Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your master.

Joy is our strength.

Nehemiah 8:10 NIV Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.
