



# Rhythm, Remembering and Freedom

DEUTERONOMY 16:1-17

# Holy Habits



- ▶ A habit is a behaviour that through regular repetition becomes an involuntary and instinctive part of our lives.
- ▶ “**Holy habits** are the disciplines, the routines by which we stay alive and focused on Jesus. At first we choose them and carry them out; after a while they are part of who we are. And they carry us.” *Mark Buchanan, Your God Is Too Safe*
- ▶ Holy Habits enable the Holy Spirit to transform us

# Sabbath – a weekly reminder



# Pilgrimage Feasts – Holidays!

- ▶ Everyone gets to play
- ▶ No work – a complete break
- ▶ Time away (no distractions)
- ▶ Time together - Assembly
- ▶ Rhythm – three times a year
- ▶ Observe the festival
- ▶ Remember & celebrate
- ▶ Review
- ▶ Rededicate
- ▶ Bring a contribution

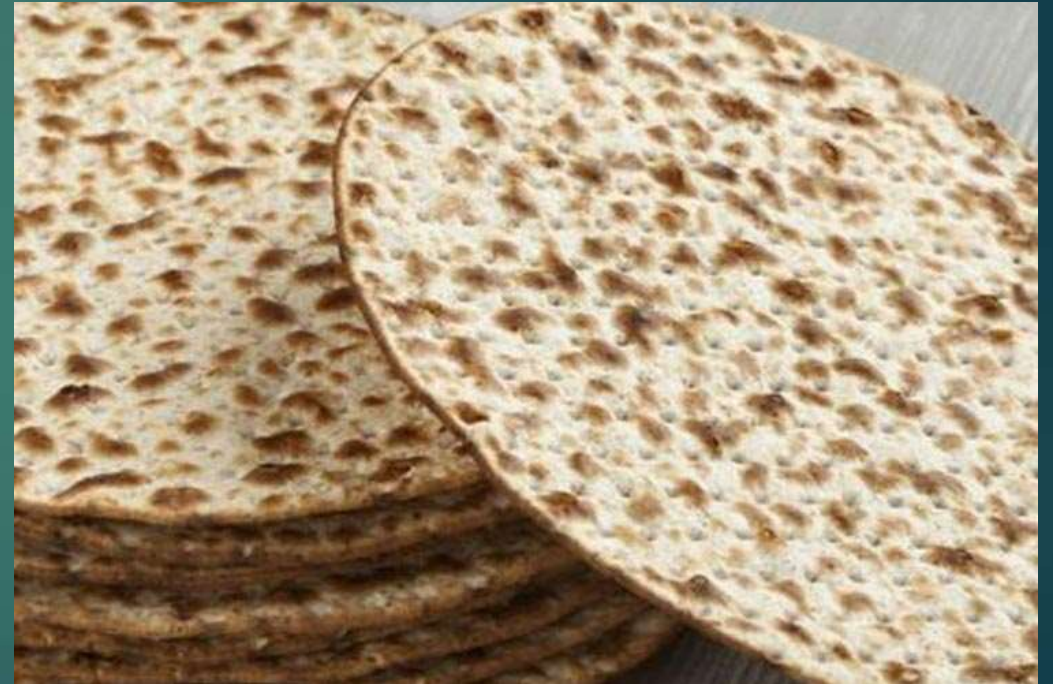
# Timing of Festivals

Festival	Hebrew Name	Calendar	Days
Passover	Pesach	March/April	8
Weeks	Shavuot	May/June	1
Tabernacles	Sukkot	September/October	7

# Rhythm of Seasons



# Passover (Pesach)



# Freedom





# In Remembrance of me



# Weeks (Shavuot)



# Pentecost – the gift of the Spirit



# Tabernacles ( Sukkot)



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# Where Next for Jews?



# Where Next for us?



# Holy Habits to Freedom





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*Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer. (Heb 10: 23-25)*