

IT'S TIME TO PARTY

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Parties and celebrations are something that God used in the lives of the Hebrews for many beneficial reasons. They had 8 annual feasts and festivals, a monthly feast, and a weekly Sabbath. Over 72 celebrations every year!

READ | Leviticus 23:1-2

These celebrations were not optional, they were sacred. God was very intentional that His people would “hit the pause button” and celebrate special events. Some of these feasts were joyful and celebratory, some were solemn and reverent, and some were celebrated around dinner (an intimate time for a Hebrew family).

4 Goals for Each Celebration

COMMUNITY - READ | Matthew 22:37-39

God loves relationships and designed humans to live in community.

REMEMBERING - Taking time to remember what God has done for us.

APPRECIATION - Gathering together for worship is one way we express appreciation weekly.

PERSPECTIVE - A time to pause and celebrate can also help shape your thinking about the future.

REFLECT | What benefits come from a time of pausing and celebrating?

Celebrations that should mark our lives:

- Grace - (Hebrews 10:25) Meeting weekly at church and honoring the grace God gives us.
- Honor - Celebrating people and events that have a large impact on your life.
- Accomplishments - Things such as graduations, promotions, years of service and more.
- Life - Appreciating people in your life on their birthday is a way of celebrating and honoring them.
- Weddings - The covenant of marriage is a big deal and deserves honor.

SUMMARY | Taking time to pause, reflect, and celebrate is something God wants us to do annually, monthly, and weekly! There are so many benefits of hitting the pause button such as community, legacy, positive attitudes, and a healthy perspective. Let's all of us pledge to celebrate life well!

PRAYER | Make time to pray for one another before you dismiss your group.