



Celebrate



Most of our celebrations are tied to a specific day


Nearly all of them are associated with food

They are marked by gatherings

Sometimes we even try to fit God into Celebration

Ironically in our Celebration of God, God is never enough

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I do want you to consider most of our celebrations are about us even those we claim are about God.

We try very hard to tailor our celebrations to what we want God to be for me

Keep in mind I can and usually do make anything and everything about me

In fact, sometimes in my desperate attempt to not make it about me, I make it about me



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GOD DESIGNED

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘These are my appointed festivals, the appointed festivals of the Lord, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies.’”

Leviticus 23:1-2



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SABBATH

This was the one celebration that was to be done weekly

The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant.

Exodus 31:16



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SABBATH

Sabbath means seven and was celebrated on the Seventh day of the week which would be Saturday

What was the God ordained day for the new testament church to celebrate?

~~"SUNDAY"~~



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SUNDAY PRECEDENCE

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.

Acts 20:7

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

1 Corinthians 16:2



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SUNDAY PRECEDENCE

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

Matthew 28:1

The first version of the church was all Jewish so they would have celebrated both

As the church entered other cultures Sabbath worship faded and disputes arose



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SUNDAY DISPUTE

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

Romans 14:5-6



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SUNDAY DISPUTE

Sunday does not Equal Sabbath

For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day shall be your holy day, a day of sabbath rest to the Lord. Whoever does any work on it is to be put to death.

Exodus 35:2

SERIOUS BUSINESS

Numbers 15:32-36



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CELEBRATION WORSHIP

“There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a sabbath to the Lord.”

Leviticus 23:3



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a MOMENT OF RESTING

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

Weary: feeling or showing tiredness, especially as a result of excessive exertion or lack of sleep.

Burdened: hardship or distress.

FRUSTRATION



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JESUS

Bring it to Me!



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a MOMENT FOR SACRED GATHERINGS

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25



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PURPOSE FOR GATHERING

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:44-47



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PURPOSE FOR GATHERING

I should come so I can be encouraged and so I can give encouragement

Somedays I will be encouraged because of what I receive

Most days I will be encouraged by what I give

Worship is a byproduct of encouragement

Who's Responsible: It's because you came looking to receive not give



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a MOMENT OF CEASING

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24



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a MOMENT OF CEASING

On this day, it's not about having your wants and needs met

It's about having gratitude for the one that met your greatest need

It may lead you into an act of service to help meet another's needs

Done Unto to Lord



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a LIFETIME OF DEDICATION

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1

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Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2



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JESUS

**He Never Asked for a Day He
just demanded that we follow!**

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