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ROMANS 15:26

26 For you see, the believers in Macedonia and Achaia have eagerly taken up an offering for the poor among the believers in Jerusalem.





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Do you have a question about God, Jesus, the Bible, or theology? Do you need help understanding a Bible verse or passage? Are there any spiritual issues in your life for which you need advice or counsel?

Jewish Festivals



What are the different Jewish festivals



4 Spring Festivals

Begins with Passover, the next day is the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the day following is the Feast of First Fruits.

**Passover-Jesus is crucified;
Unleavened Bread Jesus is in the grave.
First Fruits Jesus is risen!**

4 Spring Festivals

**7 full weeks or 50 days after the start of First Fruits,
the Festival of Weeks starts.**

**Since it takes place exactly 50 days after the previous feast, this feast
is also known as “Pentecost” (Acts 2:1), which means “fifty” in Greek.**



ACTS 21:1-3

1 After we had torn ourselves away from them, we put out to sea and sailed straight to Cos. The next day we went to Rhodes and from there to Patara. **2** We found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, went on board and set sail. **3** After sighting Cyprus and passing to the south of it, we sailed on to Syria. We landed at Tyre, where our ship was to unload its cargo.



ACTS 21:4,5

⁴ Finding the disciples there, we stayed with them seven days. Through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. ⁵ But when our time was up, we left and continued on our way. All the disciples and their wives and children accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray.

ACTS 21:4,5

⁶After saying good-bye to each other, we went aboard the ship, and they returned home. ⁷ We continued our voyage from Tyre and landed at Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for a day. ⁸Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven.

ACTS 21:3,4

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I have a terrible baptism of suffering ahead of me, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished. Luke 12:50



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So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other.

Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

John 13:34,35

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Acts 21:4

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“And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don't know what awaits me, 23 except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. Acts 20:22,23

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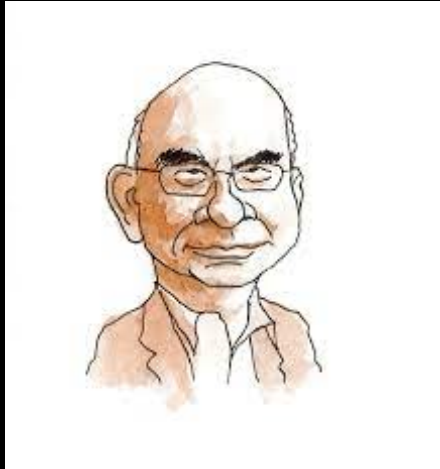
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II. SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP'S FOUNDATION IS GRACE

Ephesians 4:3, "Maintain the spirit of unity in the bond of peace."



Tim Keller :



“You’re a Christian first, and you’re anything else second. If you’ve experienced grace, you find yourself coming to love people that you would have never spent time with before. One of the ways you know something has happened to you.”



III. SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP'S SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER

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1. They shared hospitality.

Finding the disciples there, we stayed with them seven days. [Vs. 4a](#)

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2. They spoke into Paul's life

Through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. [Vs. 4b](#)

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...the local believers all begged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.

Acts 21:12

III. SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP'S SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER

2. They spoke into Paul's life

“Why all this weeping? You are breaking my heart! I am ready not only to be jailed at Jerusalem but even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus.” 14 When it was clear that we couldn't persuade him, we gave up and said, “The Lord's will be done.” **Acts 21:13,14**

III. SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP'S SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER

2. They spoke into Paul's life

“Exhort one another daily; lest ye be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.” [Hebrews 3:13](#)

III. SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP'S SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER

2. They spoke into Paul's life

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. [1 Peter 5:8](#)



IV. SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIPS ARE FOREVER

For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. [Romans 5:10](#)

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Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. [1 John 4:11](#)



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