

Learning to Follow the Spirit

Lessons From the Feast of Tabernacles

Core Message: God calls His people to live with joy, dependence, and sensitivity to the leading of His Spirit. Just as Israel had to follow the pillar of fire and cloud in the wilderness, believers must learn when to move with the Holy Spirit and when to be still and wait on the Lord. Developing this sensitivity requires intentional time with God, quieting our minds and learning to abide in His presence. Even in wilderness seasons, God is supernaturally present, providing what we need and using difficulties to accomplish His purposes in us. As we seek Him diligently, we can become increasingly aware of His activity and trust His goodness in every season.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: (Leviticus 23:40)** “Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches, branches of trees with thick foliage, and willows of the brook; and you shall celebrate before the LORD your God for seven days.”
 - **(John 15:5)** “I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”
 - **(Psalm 46:10)** “Stop striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted on the earth.”
 - **(Hebrews 11:6)** “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for the one who comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He proves to be One who rewards those who seek Him.”
 - **(Deuteronomy 8:3)** “He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.”
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Reflection Questions:

1. In what areas of your life might you be running ahead of God instead of waiting for the leading of His Spirit?

2. What makes it difficult for you to become still before the Lord, and what practical changes could help you create a quieter space for Him?

3. How does Israel's dependence on the pillar of fire, the cloud, manna, and God's supernatural provision challenge the way you depend on God today?

4. Where have you seen God's supernatural provision or activity during a difficult or "wilderness" season in your life?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Set aside at least 15 minutes at the beginning of each day this week to become still before the Lord. Put away your phone and other distractions, sit quietly with God, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize His presence, perceive His leading, and follow Him rather than running ahead in your own strength. (Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- “Lord, teach me to move when Your Spirit moves and to wait when You are calling me to be still.”
- “Holy Spirit, quiet my mind and help me abide more deeply in Your presence.”
- “Father, open my eyes to recognize Your supernatural provision and activity in my life.”

“The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you, and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27
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