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## ***The Unleavened - The Context of Matzah***

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*As we enter into this season of Passover, the season of Unleavened Bread, it's always good to remember what this coming week is about, what we should be doing during this time. I made a mention, you know, why did God choose Passover for Yeshua to start the revolution of the kingdom? Because it's a festival of freedom. Festival of freedom. That's what it's about. Monday evening kicks off Passover. which also kicks off the week of unleavened bread. How many of you guys, is your first Passover? Fantastic. How many of you guys, second, third, fourth, fifth, six or more? Amen. It's always good to revisit what we're supposed to be doing next week. Unleavened bread approaches and it's fascinating because until I studied it it*

really confused me Why would God care about bread and you guys know the commandments and Leviticus 23 it speaks about you know Passover and how you're supposed to eat the Passover and have this covenantal meal with unleavened bread and then for the next seven days you're gonna eat unleavened bread why does God care whether you have leavened bread or not anybody have unleavened bread today's unleavened bread is like crackers right in ancient times more like a pancake you know but not only that you have to eat this stuff this unleavened bread you also have to get it out of what your house which is always fun we spent all day Sunday or so Friday it's not Thursday we spent all day Thursday I'd never seen my wife, man. She was determined. We're going to get it right this year. And those of you who have kept it for a while, you understand what I'm saying. The first couple years, you feel like you're doing good. I threw away the hot dog buns, right? And I vacuumed. We're good. After you've been doing it for four or five years, you think you've been doing good, and then you realized your toaster oven, ugh. About seven or eight years in, you realize when you go to feed your dog in the middle of a week of unleavened bread, you pour the food in the bowl and you notice kibbles. So you dare look at the ingredients. Yeast, first ingredient, right? Dog food, dog's going to starve. It's fascinating. And so it's always fun each year to see if maybe this year I can get all this junk out of my house. Just clean it up. Look at the places where you don't expect it. And we're going to be reviewing that. So I want to talk about the unleavened because I know that was just a total exit ramp. What is the context of giving the leavened out of our lives? What does leavening represent? Does it? Pride? Does it? It's important for us to understand what leavening may or may not represent. Don't disagree with pride or sin by any means. And it's also important to understand why that was a command. If you are caught eating leavening during this week, you'll be cut off from Israel. Pretty extreme. That was a command by God. Why did God command leavening to not be eaten for the week of the Passover? And so we're going to start in Deuteronomy 16. Deuteronomy 16 reviews the three pilgrimage feasts of Torah, starting in verse 3. And he states, So we have a reason why are we to not eat leavened bread? So that we remember, number one, when it was time to go, we left quick. And number two, that we remember that we left. Verse 4 let no yeast be found in your possession and all of your land for seven days do not let any of the meat you sacrifice in the evening of the first day remain until morning Pesach and It's fascinating. You know what? I'm not even going to go there. That's okay. So we know that Exodus... You guys know that God made addendums in Torah? He made addendums in Torah. God changed the Torah in the Torah. See, in Exodus, which we're about to read, he said, listen, I need you guys to sacrifice the lamb or the goat at the altar at your doors or at your doors. And you're going to paint the door frame, right, with the blood. And that'll be a sign for me, right? Alright guys, Deuteronomy. Alright, so you're done with that. You're good. You're my people now. You're a nation now. You have my reign. You have my constitution. When we go into the land, guess what? You're not going to do that anymore. You're not going to sacrifice it within your gates, your backyard. No siree. That is now forbidden. That is banned. That is illegal according to my commandments. Even though I said it was legal before, I'm going to change it because I have something greater for you to do. You're going to go to the place that I will place my name, which is where? Jerusalem. The temple, Jerusalem, both right, both right. Jerusalem or the temple, and you will sacrifice it there, and you will eat it within the bounds of Jerusalem. That's why Jerusalem had the Kedusha of the temple courts, if you will, because you could eat the lesser sacrifices within the walls of Jerusalem. And so a lot of people have issues with that. We have to read all of Scripture in context and what God was doing. Some people will think what I just said is

heresy. But Exodus, we believe, is written a little bit earlier than Deuteronomy. So let's go there to get a little bit more insight, shall we? Good, I'm glad you're on board. Exodus 13, verse 3. Read a lot of Scripture. Exodus 13 verse 3 and this is speaking about the actual Exodus account the Passover the Moses said to the people commemorate this day the day you came out of Egypt out of the land of slavery because the Lord brought you out of it with a mighty hand eat nothing containing leavening today in the month of Aviv you are leaving when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites the Hittites the Amorite the Hivites the Debusites the parasites all those eyes the land he swore to your forefathers to give you the land flowing with milk and honey You are to observe this ceremony of this month the seven days eat bread made without leavening and on the seventh day hold a festival to the Lord Eat leavened bread during those seven days nothing with yeast in it and you will you will be seen among you? Nothing with yeast shall be seen among you nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders and on that day tell your son I do this because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt and How many of you guys know that it's a Torah commandment to teach our children the ways of God? I stress that because a lot of the things in Scripture, to do it biblically, we have to have the temple. We do. I mean, to keep Passover biblically, you have to have a temple. No one's eating the Shalemim offering, the Pesach, at their Seder. They better not be, or they can't be. Because that can only be sacrificed in the place the Lord chooses. That can only be offered on the altar of God, if you will. Not the altar of God, but sacrificed in the temple and then eaten within Jerusalem. No one's eating the Passover biblically. We can't until the temple is rebuilt. That does not stop us from memorializing the Passover. More importantly, that does not stop us from teaching our children about the Passover. Same thing with Sukkot. Same thing with Shavuot. Talked about it before, tithing. All of it. None of it can be biblically done, but it's efforts to teach our children the commandments of God. And on that day, when your son or daughter asks, you tell them, I do this because of what the Lord did for me. You know, scripture goes on to talk about after Israel left Egypt, they went into this beautiful place called the wilderness. And it talks about a type of bread that was eaten there. You know what kind of bread that was? They sell it at Trader Joe's. I don't know. Ezekiel bread or something. No, it's called manna, right? You guys remember? In Deuteronomy 8.3, So you guys know the story. This is review. Israel's out in the desert and they start complaining. what's new us too and god starts raining down this stuff called manna you know what manna means in hebrew right if you take all the letters and you go to the pictographic hebrew and then you get the gematra i don't know what adds up to anything manna means what is it and he gave him what is it because neither you nor your fathers had known it so what is it like when you eat gluten-free brownies for the first time manna and the israelites took the brown took the brownies they took the manna they took the manna And they ground it up and they made bread out of it. And this is what God sustained them in the wilderness. And I love this verse, Deuteronomy 8, 3, because it's humbling because it says that man should not or does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Can man live on bread alone? I mean, let's just be serious. I mean, can man live? I mean, you might. I don't know. There's a lot of carbs to eat, but you can survive on bread and water for the rest of your life. You're not going to be that healthy. You might die a little bit younger, but You can do it. Lots of civilizations have done it. Bread has always been a staple in the diet. I have a quote here from Professor David Kramer, and he's a professor at JTS, the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, with a PhD in the Talmud and rabbinics and also ancient, what was it, Gospels. Ancient, I forget what it was, basically studying the history of Israel, biblical theology in the ancient world specifically. And

he wrote a great essay called *Leavened or Unleavened, the History of Leavened Bread*. And I'm going to quote him, I think, three times in this. So don't, oh, he's quoting him again. Yeah, I'm quoting him again because he has some awesome stuff to say in this essay and I want to pass it on to you. He says, in fact, when the Torah says not by bread alone shall a person live, It actually means that when it comes to food a person can live by bread alone What but it said it can't the verse continues to define itself for by everything that proceeds of the mouth of the Lord does a person live? Meaning that people need more than just food But as far as food is concerned bread suffices in other words what God is saying in this verse is there's a difference between Being alive and living in the role that you're supposed to live in there's a difference from breathing to And being who God made you to be in his kingdom when God was speaking to the Israelites As you are not gonna when God was speaking to his kingdom when God was speaking to those who are in covenant with him You will not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Father Guys, you can eat bread for the rest of your life. I have those brownies and whatever and you can live you can be alive and But without the words of the Father, without your scriptures, without the testimony of God that you have before you, that has been preserved until for such a time as this, for you to teach your children, that's what you're supposed to be consuming daily. That's what you're supposed to be using to walk in the vocation of an image bearer, the vocation given to all mankind in the garden. That's what you're supposed to be using to expand Eden, When I began studying this topic a while back, I found it fascinating because bread existed all over the world. Some scholars believe that the original cultural bread bread making process may have originated in Egypt We're not sure but but every culture had their own way of making bread. You guys know what I'm talking about How many of you guys have family recipes handed down from your grandma and your great-grandma and so on and so forth? And they're on those stained wrinkled up note cards You know what I'm talking about? and you gotta get that thing out from the cabinet and flip through I mean you can't just search it's not Pinterest you could use Pinterest and search for a bread recipe no no you need to you guys know what I'm talking about why would you not just Google why do you want to use family recipes do what grandma's not on Google tried and true there's something about that tradition heritage that's beautiful you want to memorialize your heritage you want to remember your family This is something that is custom to our family every nation every culture civilized culture if you will had a certain way of making bread It's fascinating. I have a few different distinctions here in northern Africa They actually had community ovens where bread was stamped so so they would come together as a community big all up in the middle of the town village if whatnot and everyone would bring their loaves and And they'd have a different family seal on the loaf and they'd all throw them in the same oven. And when they were baked, you know, you knew what seal you had. You know what I mean? You know, Judy over there always makes good bread. I'll swap mine out with hers. Can't, she put her stamp in it, right? Egypt, they used figs, a type of wheat, honey mainly. specifically honey in all their bread it's fascinating because God has a commandment about not bringing not only unleavened bread to his altar but it cannot have honey on it specifically don't you put honey on the bread you're gonna come to know Hittites primarily barley up north a little bit fruit spices sometimes honey and then Mesopotamia farther farther west part Babylon area spices wheat barley mixture and they put beer in their bread yeah beer this is not Coors Light this is not Guinness this is it beer used to be I guess best way to describe it when I did the study I guess beer so when you make beer you have like a mash a type of mash to begin with and then you filter it and you filter it and you filter it and you filter it so you have this nice little

clear stuff they put in a bottle and sell so take everything past the mash out and that's beer in Mesopotamia so they would use the mash but these were heritage of the different cultures around them and how they made bread to state the matter more pointedly the production a bread is a cultural act the wisdom for which must be transmitted culturally to create cultured leavened bread one must learn the culture bread for this reason among others in the ancient Mediterranean world bread was a component along with wine and to a lesser degree olive oil the Mediterranean food triad these foods that in combination communicated the message I am a cultured citizen of this nation right I think he goes on to say that if one did not eat these foods if one's diet was Composed primarily of say meat or milk then one would be viewed as a barbarian. You know, I got no bread show cornbread barbarians if you don't have a cultured bread I have a Get excited. See don't have it. Yes. Yes. Can everybody see that kind of I let's go over it together this is a page taken from a book called manners and customs of ancient Egypt created or written by John Wilkinson and about the early to mid 1800s Matt are you reading books in the early 1800s no because it's very outdated This was the book that Alexander Hyslop quoted so many times in his discredited work, The Two Babylons. And so I went back to check the citations that Hyslop have and realized that Hyslop made a bunch of stuff up and blamed it on him. And I came across this illustration in the book. You can view this book online for free. Google, "Customs and Manners of an Ancient Egypt" by Wilkinson. This is a page that is depicting or illustrating how Egyptians made bread. It was a big deal to the Egyptians so up in the left-hand corner you see them making the dough with their feet the wine I love Lucy knows bread dough mixing it all up and they're taking the dough over here and they're making all different shapes and sizes They got big loaves small loaves some as big as your head. They got triangles round loaves You even got a loaf right here that looks like a little calf or something John Wilkinson He writes about crocodile shaped loaves of bread. That would be kind of cool, right? and They continue on, right? Do all their process, add the ingredients in. Here they are with all the loaves of bread, taking them out of the oven or carrying them to the oven here. A lot of illustrations for how they made bread. Herodotus, the Greek historian of the 5th century BCE, relates. He mentions that Egyptians were specifically bread eaters. How much bread does someone have to eat to be known as a bread eater? There's a lot, right? Dr. Tovia Dickstein, she states that in Egypt, bread was not simply viewed as food, but the basis of the entire economy. It was used as the standard of weight and commerce business, payment for low-income workers, priests and slaves, and offered to the Egyptian gods in religious ceremonies. When David was reforming everything and getting ready to build the temple, if you will, for his son, or get as much as he could prepare to do, and he divided the priesthood up into 24 sections, and he divided up the leaders of Israel into 24 sections, it says that he paid the workers in bread. How would you like to go to work construction? Hey, three loaves of bread. That was acceptable back then because you had food, right? Bread was not simply... Bunny bread that you get at the grocery store it carried value it carried weight it carried identity Along with it and I'm building all this up because I want you guys to remember at least some aspects of what you're learning today Over the next week. Why is it important that we get leaven out of our house for a week? You guys want to see something cool? So you guys know how to make unleavened bread? Unleavened bread. Unleavened bread. All right. So you get some water and some dough or flour, and you make dough. It's like Play-Doh, but it's flour dough. And you mash it up into like a pancake-looking thing, and you can either on a pot or a skillet put a little bit of oil in there and slam it on the hot skillet, roast it, fry it like a pancake, flip it. That's it. Quick unleavened bread. Looks like a pancake. Didn't look like a cracker. Now it looks like a cracker, but...

Pancake took much longer to make a cultured loaf of bread My wife is learning how to make bread you guys had some of her bread the sourdough anybody few people It's not something that she does in three minutes And so I want to I want to put this nugget in here because Abraham you guys remember when the three messengers the angels came to Abraham and he ran to Sarah and he was like Sarah in Genesis 18:6 there Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah quick he said get three measures of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread and

And we always think that she came out with like some challah bread, nice braids and everything, you know, some of that cinnamon and sugar, you know, that we do for us. Quick, quick woman, we got to make some bread. We got guests. They made unleavened bread. How do we know this? Quick, make unleavened bread, right? Last quote from Dr. Kramer. What does this command mean? Speaking about getting the leavened bread out of your home. Given what we've said about the significance of bread in that culture, well, the translation should now be quite clear. The Torah, by commanding the elimination of leavening, was demanding that Egyptian culture be left behind. The Torah's view, as expressed in the bread we do and do not eat on Passover, is that the Israelite culture should not be borrowed. It should not rely on the flawed and corrupt culture of the past... Of the past. It should begin anew. Freshly leavened by the yeast of God's word or the Torah. Revealed for the first time at Sinai. When I read this years ago, it floored me. When God commanded Israel to leave the leavened bread behind. They carried yeast around on their back. Or dough around on their back for a couple days. I mean, it got a little bit of yeast in it. That wasn't the concern. The concern was don't take... That friendship bread that you've made in Egypt and lasted generation to generation. It's been cultured and you have all the ingredients. No, you're not going to take that with you. You're not going to take the identity of Egypt with you. You will get that out of your life because you are not an Egyptian. You are not of this world. You are of my kingdom. You are my people and I'm pulling you out. I will be your king. See, Paul references unleavened bread in 1 Corinthians 5-6, and you guys are familiar with this. It's an awesome verse to refer to during this time of the year, especially with your friends. Your boasting is not good. Don't you know a little yeast works through a whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast, as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. I love it because we have passed over the feast of freedom and we've been freed from the bondage of the powers that be of this present age and we've been freed from the slavery of sin is what Paul talks about in Romans 6 and continues on through Romans 8 and and we've been freed through the blood of the lamb but then a transition happens you're made anew and so yes all of these all of these feasts and festivals they apply to Israel because of their history But God, their fulfilled definition rests in the lives of believers, in your life, as we walk it out to a greater degree, to a greater understanding and definition. It's fascinating. Can we read just a few verses out of this chapter? I want you guys to get the context of what Paul's saying here. Do you have time? I love being in control. So we're going to read. You can turn with me to 1 Corinthians 5, starting in verse 1. And we're going to go down to verse, what is it? It got cut off there. We're actually going to go to verse 13. So turn with me there. Good section of scripture to have because Paul is addressing a problem in Corinth. And Lord knows Corinth had some problems. Paul was not shy to march into a city and That other believers would try to avoid because the task of spreading the word of God there seemed too difficult. I like Paul very much so Corinth one of those places and so starting in in verse one It says it actually it has been actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you And of the kind that does not occur even among the pagans a man with his father's wife You are so proud Shouldn't you rather be filled with

grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this even though I am not physically present I'm with you in the spirit And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this, just if I was present. And when you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus, and I am with you in the spirit, and the power of the Lord Jesus is present, hand this man over to Satan so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord. Your boasting is not good. Don't you know a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast, as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the festival Passover. That Paul is telling believers in Corinth to keep Passover just so everybody understands this Keep the festival of unleavened bread not with old yeast the yeast of malice and wickedness But with the bread without yeast bread of sincerity and truth I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexual sexually immoral people not at all meaning that the people of this world who are immortal or immoral are or are greedy and swindlers or idolaters in that case you would just have to leave the world but now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy an idolater a slanderer a drunkard or a swindler with such a man do not even eat what business is it of mine to judge those outside the church are you not to judge those inside of it God will judge those outside expel the wicked man from among you So what Paul speaking about is a man within the fellowship? possibly a leader if you will a man with with high regard and he is sexually immoral and The people are proud to have him as part of their fellowship people are proud to associate with him people Defend him and his immorality and Paul sitting here saying what are you doing? Why what do you why are you so proud? Don't you know a little bit of yeast leavens the whole lump and Now he's talking about you could apply this to your individual lives, but this is also communal. Let me put it this way. We're all on a boat together. Everybody do this. We're all rowing in a boat together. Everybody do it. All together. All right. Everybody, everybody else is taking a break. That's fine. So we'll row you along. And let's say one of us in our seat decides, I'm going to take this drill and I'm going to start drilling a hole in that part of the boat. How would that make you feel? What are you doing? Stop it. Stop that. Stop that. Stop it. Stop it. Stop it. Stop it. This is my part of the boat, bro. Don't judge me. This is my section of the boat. No, we're in fellowship. We're in a community. We're in the same boat. Your hole will flood the entire boat. A little bit of yeast will leaven the entire loaf. Guys, sometimes fighting against the flesh is hard. Amen. If you don't do it for yourself, do it for your community. Do it for your family. Get it out. Right? And so I love what he says. He says, don't be concerned about the world around you. They're immoral. They're greedy, idolaters. If we were worried about them, if you think that being set apart means that you need to separate yourself from being around anybody else in the world because they're non-believers and they're sinners, then you need to put a space suit on and get launched into space. That's the MNV version, the new Matthew version of this verse. Why are you worried about non-believers? You're supposed to be set apart by being a light among the believers, among the darkness. You're not supposed to be set apart in the sense of, oh, I can't be, oh, oh, you're a pagan. You know what I mean? Who cares? If they're not going to listen, then God will be their judge. Why are you wasting your battery life? Your battery life is supposed to be an image bearer. To be fruitful and multiply? Why was that command given Adam and Eve? Multiply the image bearers among the earth. Expand worship to God. That's what your job is. That's what your battery life gets used for. If you think that you just need to be set apart and be so holy you can't even be around, not even to be a light... you're failing you you you fail to understand what your true vocation but among you you see your brother

drill in a hole in the stupid boat the east out try to purge it help him help them and hey Matthew 18 if they won't stop drilling home and I mean good nice good gracious Exodus 12:39 states with the dough that Israelites had brought from Egypt they bake loaves unleavened bread the dough that was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves. When God calls you to walk away from the life that you live in the world into the next chapter of His plan, you leave everything behind, unleavened. It's amazing. So earlier I asked, what do you guys think leaven is defined as? And sin, right? Right, they sin. I don't disagree with that. Pride? I don't think pride. I want to be intellectual about it. It's not just sin. It's pride. I don't disagree with that either. They do. One of my favorite verses is Matthew 13:33 because Yeshua is speaking. It says another parable spake unto them the kingdom of heaven is like and unto leaven the kingdom of heaven is like leavening which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all Leavened so the kingdom of heaven is like sin right which a woman's can leavening be a good thing it's fascinating because When Israel left Egypt, they were commanded to get their past. They were commanded to get the world. They were commanded to get Egypt out of them. That is what getting the leavening out represented. Yes, it is sin. Yes, it is pride. Yes, it is everything that your past pre-Yeshua, pre-covenant with God relationship had in it and represented. but once you leave you become a new batch a new it's amazing because after first fruits 50 days after first fruits we have a day known as chevroet pentecost yeah pentecost chevroet and it's fascinating i believe it's the only time in scripture i could be wrong but i believe it's the only time israel is commanded to bring leavened bread before god two loaves of leavened bread before god i can't help to think that this represents the life of someone coming out of the world coming out of Egypt being free from slavery and if you will and they they they have no choice there and their new creation that they're old is passed away there they have been made something new they are no longer in exile away from God they're no longer slaves to send it that's all gone they purge that out they've made a decision to say you know what these chains are broken God broken one of my still doing here I'm going And so they leave the place of the world. They leave their past. They leave Egypt. And they put away the leavening, the identity of not being in the kingdom. And they walk. And they learn what holiness is defined by and how it works. And they learn how to walk as an ambassador of Christ. And they learn how to be an image bearer. And they learn about God's righteousness and his holiness and his commandments. And they learn how to be a worshiper, the vocation of man in the garden, how to worship God. Then they get to learn how to make the bread of life. Their new identity how to make the bread of the new kingdom They're a part of how to be cultured in the ways of the kingdom of God and not the kingdom of the world We're gonna learn we're gonna remember what God did for us and then 50 days later Israel came before God showing who they were as his kingdom with their bread. This wasn't the bread of Egypt This is the bread of Israel that they brought before God and that's so encouraging I feel during this time as believers that Because yeah, I mean let me wrong I like cake just as much as the next guy but one week without it to remember and to meditate what God did for me and so here we go my favorite verses This one to Galatians 3:29 and if you are Christ then you are Abraham's offspring heirs according to the promise you guys know that Abraham was the man that was called to repair Eden and That's why Abraham, everyone's heard of Abraham? And we sing songs about Abraham? We're going to sing it. Father Abraham had many sons, had many sons, had Father Abraham, and I am one of them, and so are you. So let's all praise the Lord, right arm, left arm, right arm. Why do we all know that song? Why is that song so important? I learned that in church. Didn't know who Abraham was, knew the song. Never heard the



song? We're going to teach you. Why is Abraham so important? Because God made a covenant with Abraham. Why? Because Abraham was the one that was called to start repairing the world, start the process of a new creation, start bringing heaven back to earth so that even Eden can be repaired. It was through Abraham's seed that the seed of promise came about, right? Because of Abraham's covenant, Abraham's promise, and Abraham's obedience, and Abraham's righteousness. That is how the Messiah came to be. So when I talk about Passover and I talk about becoming new, this verse, if you are Christ, say amen if you're of Messiah, if you're of Christ. Amen. If you're of Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring. Heirs according to the promise. What promise? The promise that God is not going to forsake his promises made to Abraham. You will be one of those stars. You are one of those sands of the seas and stars in the sky. That's you. The people that God prophesied about and said, Abraham, these are going to be the people of my kingdom. These are going to be the people that will be redeemed. These are going to be the people that I bring back from Exodus. These will be the people that take up the vocation of being the image bearers. Adam failed. Paul calls Yeshua the perfect image of God. He also refers to him as the second Adam. Why? He took up Adam's vocation and carried it. And we follow him. That's what this season's about. That's what I'm excited about Passover. That I remember God took me out of Egypt. Please, that God brought me back to Eden in a relationship with him. That's what I'm celebrating, right? And so we, here's actually one of my favorite verses because I say it every couple weeks. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come. It's like, it's like a The professor said, it's anew. You're leaving the old behind and you have become anew. All of this is from God who through Messiah reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. That is in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. Because if he did, they'd still be exile. They'd still be away from God's presence. They would not be alive. They'd still be under the curse defined in Deuteronomy, the curse of the law, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. guys this is exciting and so as we go into this week of unleavened bread deuteronomy 16 3 do not eat it with bread made with yeast for seven days eat unleavened bread the bread of affliction because you left egypt in haste so that all the days of your life you may remember the time of your departure from your egypt Let no yeast be found in your possession and all of your land for seven days. Do not let any of the meat you sacrifice in the evening or the first day remain in the morning. That's the vocation. That's what we're going to be doing next week, starting Monday evening. Guys, get the leavening out of your house. Get the leavening out of your house. All right. The cakes, the cookies, the toast. Get it a pancake. Get it out of your house. My wife said something because she was She she was cleaning the little crevices on top of the stove with a little pamper chef scraper Scraper and what do you do? I'm like come on babe. I don't see any yeast in there and she looked at me And I was ashamed anyone ever been ashamed when your wife looks at you Yep, I was ashamed because I was she was right all men. We're gonna brownie points who paid after me She was right and then she looked at me. She said I want to give God our best and Pick up that scraper. Let's do it! That's what we're attempting to do this week. Get the leavening out of your house. Get the bread out of your house. I know some of us, man, we got that big expensive whatever has yeast all in it. I love it, but I can't eat it. I'll throw it away. Throw it away. Remember, remember what God did for you and what the result of it was. You're no longer an Egyptian. You're no longer of this world. You're part of a new kingdom, Philippians says. New kingdom. And you are a new creation because of it. Starting Monday night, we will come together as a fellowship and we will have a memorial, a covenantal meal,

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