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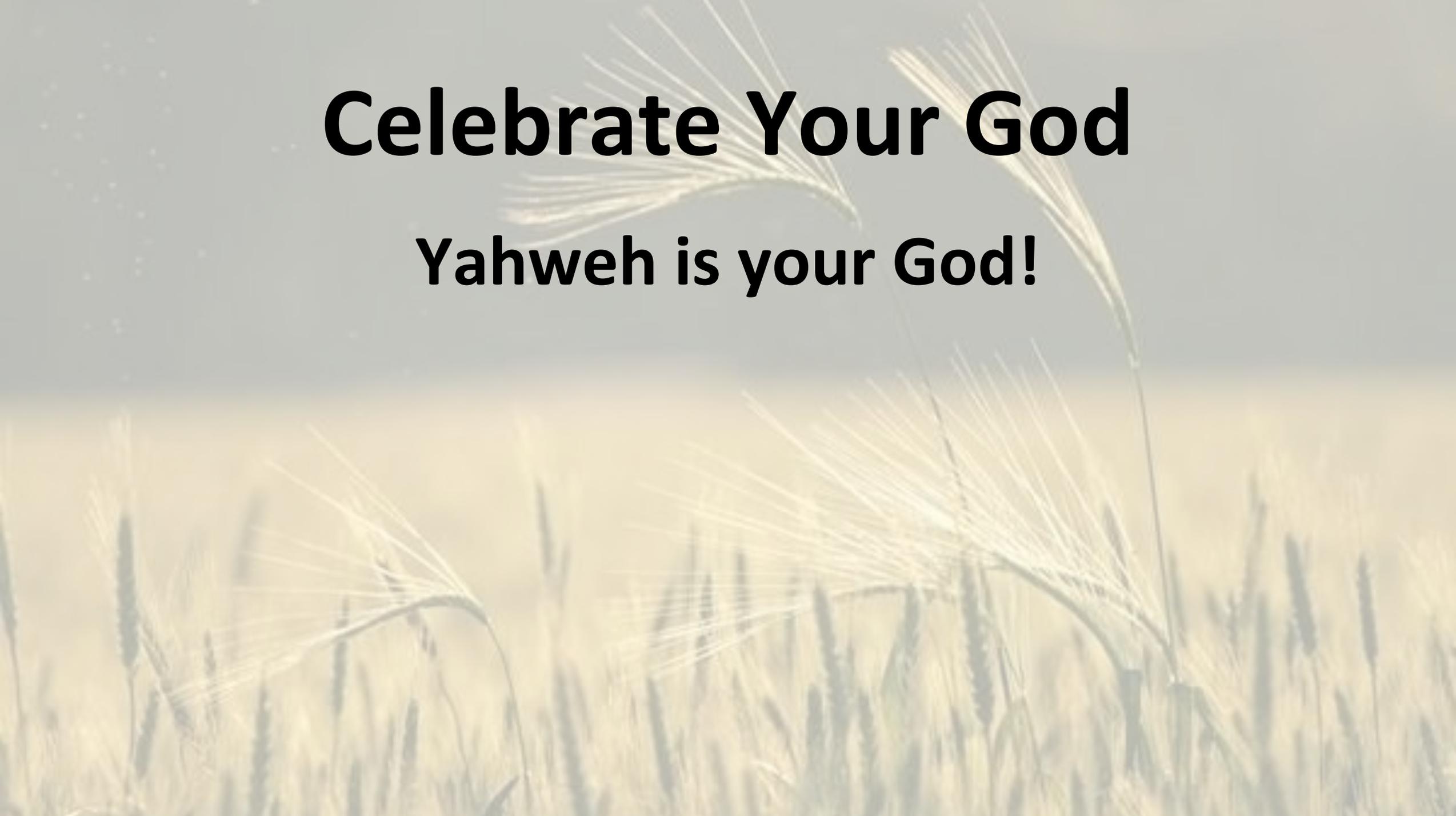
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# Main Idea

The LORD is your God,  
and it is He who is your  
destination and your joy.

A field of golden wheat with a soft, hazy background. The wheat stalks are in the foreground, some in focus and some blurred. The background is a bright, overcast sky with a light gradient.

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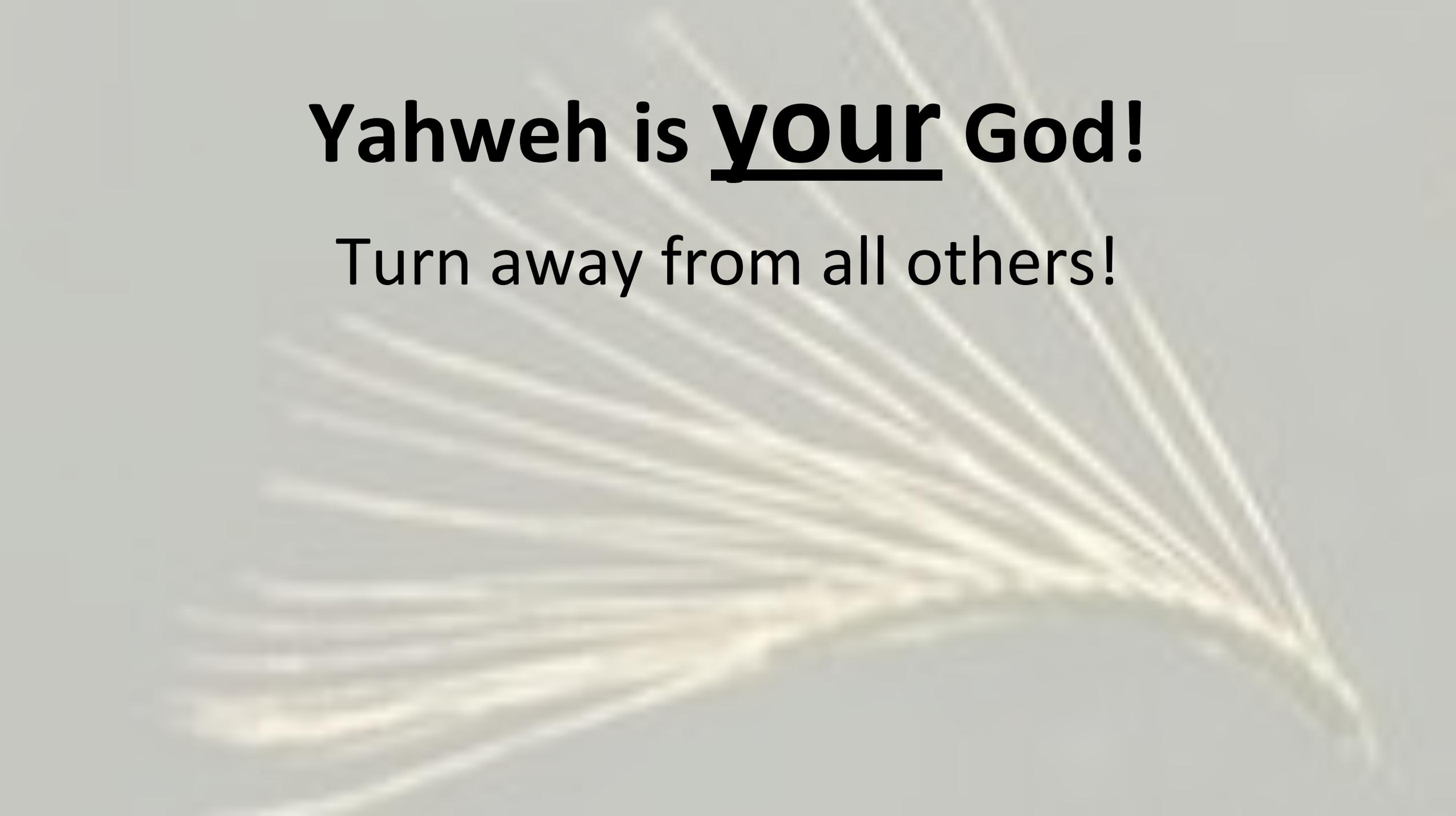
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**Deuteronomy 4:35**

To you it was shown, that you might know that **the LORD is God**; there is no other besides him.

**Deuteronomy 5:7**

**You** shall have no other gods before me.

**Deuteronomy 11:16**

Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them.

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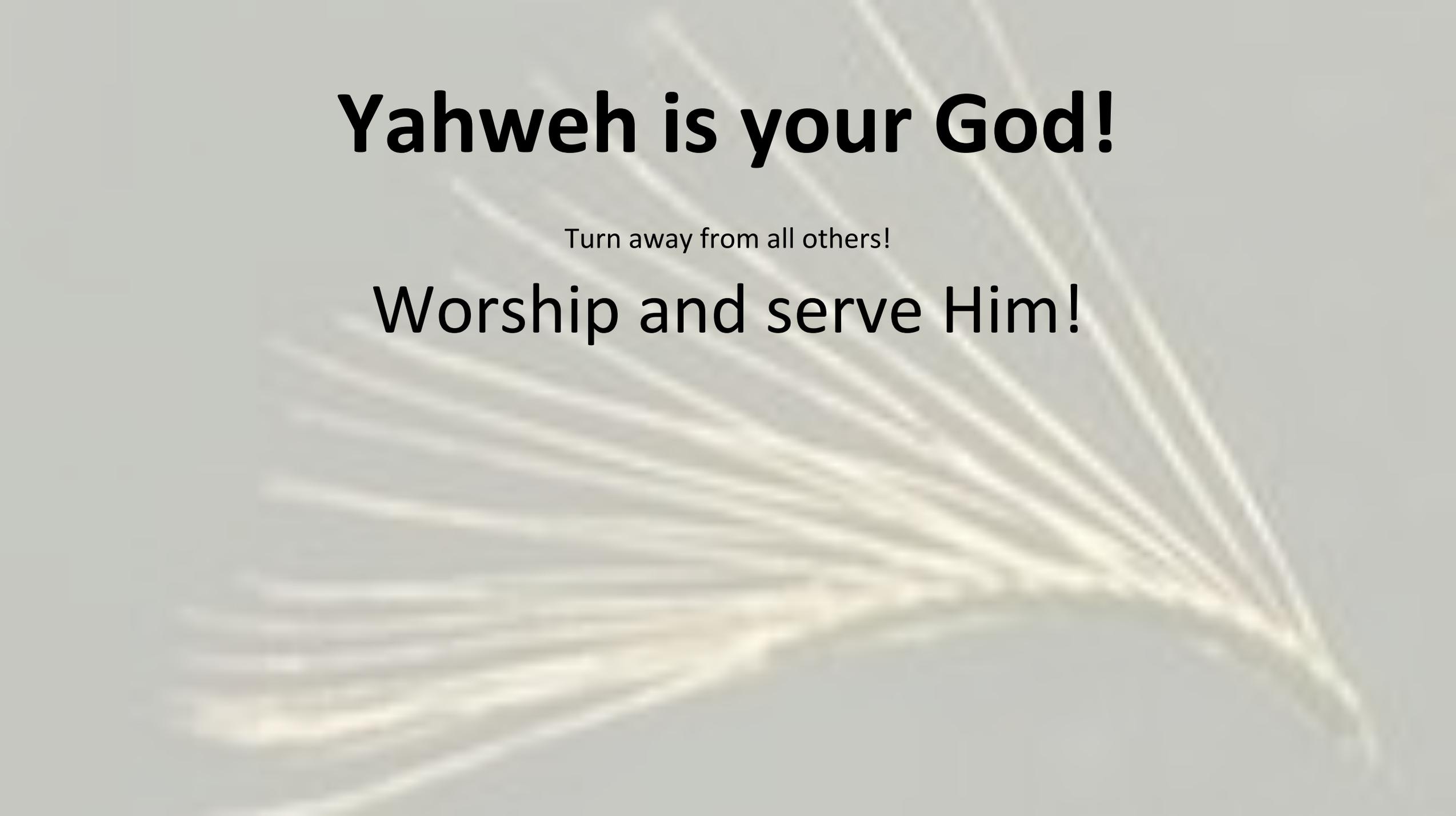
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The festivals were just one aspect of what it would mean to worship and serve the Lord together as a people.

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of grace to a people who would  
otherwise be prone to go wherever  
is convenient or appealing--  
no matter the god.

Though the Lord does not  
designate a place for us now,  
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If your destination is the party and not  
the Person, it will not be sufficient to  
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**What is your destination?**

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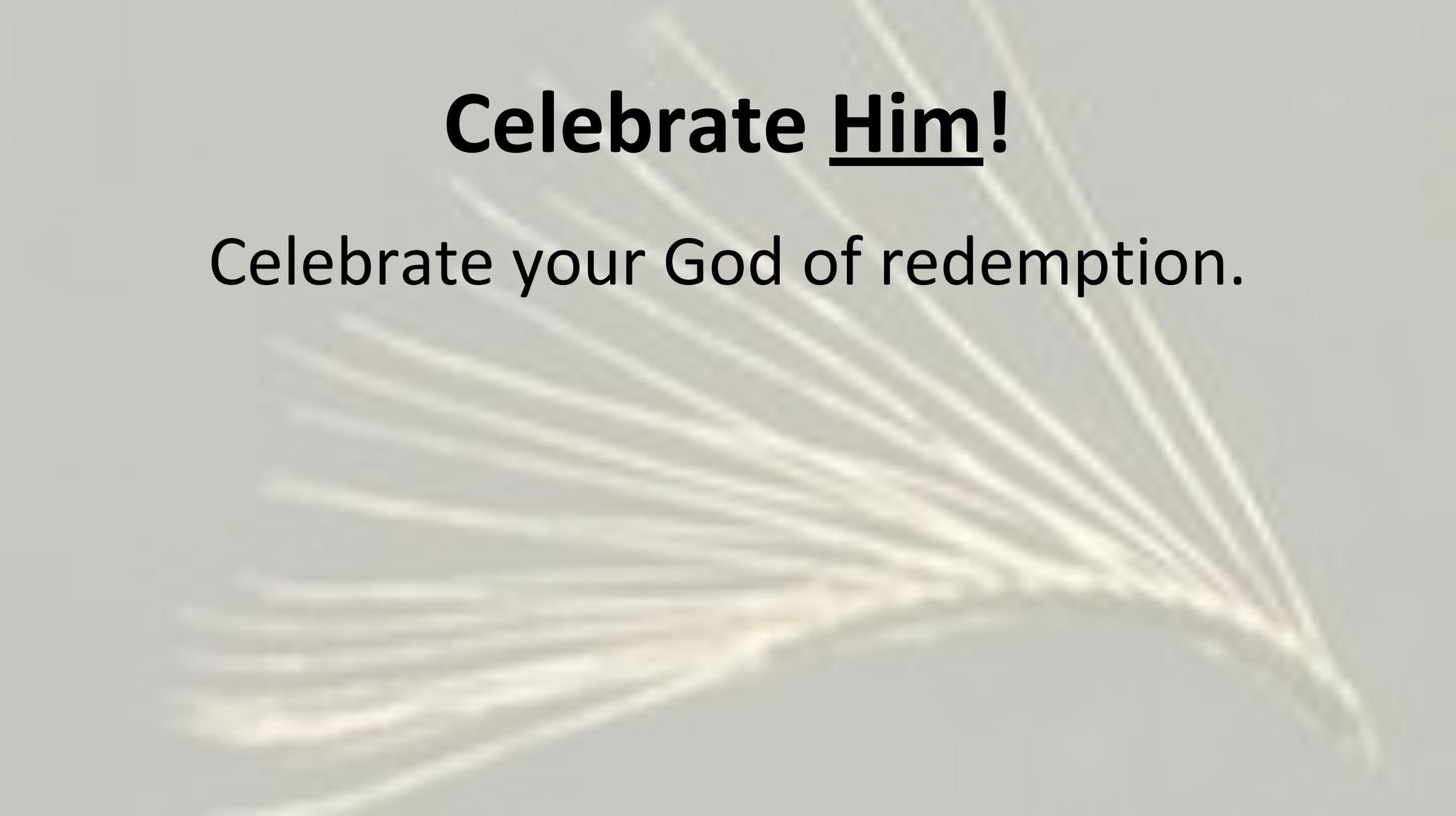
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Celebrate your God of redemption.

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Remember that when you were in Egypt the fruit of your labor was not your own, but now offer and enjoy your fruits as freemen!

# What about us?

**John 8:36**

If therefore the Son shall make you free,  
you shall be free indeed.

**Galatians 5:1**

It was for freedom that Christ set us free;  
therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject  
again to a yoke of slavery.

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# What about us?

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and *tabernacled* among us,  
and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten  
from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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## 2 Corinthians 5:1-3

For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven; inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked.

# So what?

## 2 Corinthians 5:4-8

For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, in order that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge. Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight-- we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

Our bodies are our temporary  
tabernacles, but we can rejoice in  
them awaiting our permanent  
dwelling in the presence of Christ!

## **Concluding Questions:**

Is the Lord your God?

Are you journeying to Him?

Are you celebrating Him?