

Leviticus 25:8-11a

Context = Moses and the people of God are in the wilderness. They have left Egypt, gone through the Red Sea, and are wandering in the desert. God is equipping the people with the written laws and describing in detail the rhythms of life that he wants them to live by.

Detail = EVERY 7th YEAR IS A SABBATH YEAR THE LAND MUST REST

AFTER 7 OF THESE...

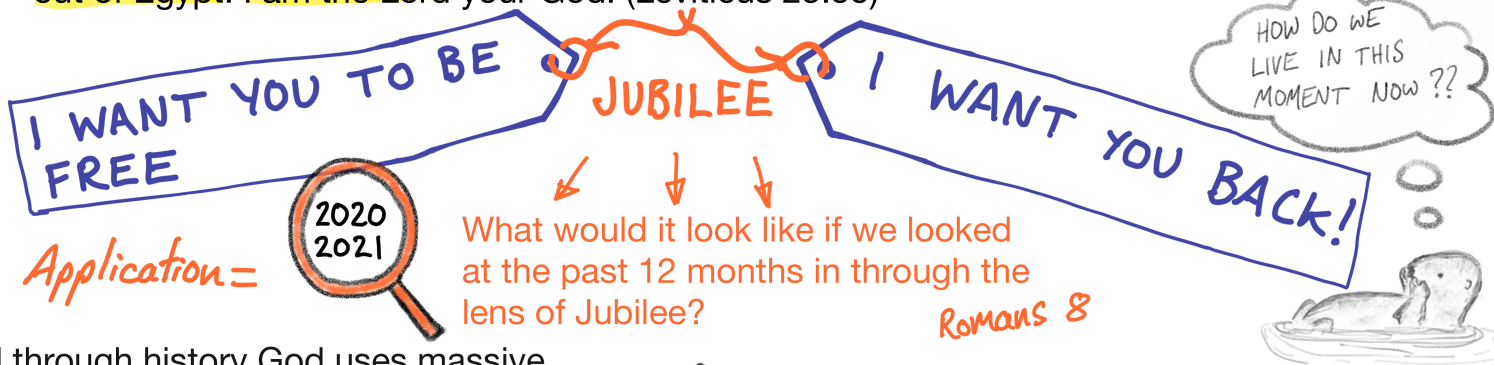
JUBILEE YEAR 50th YEAR REST RESTORE RELEASE

After 7 lots of 7 year cycles there was an additional year of rest for the land where God promised to feed his people from the fallow land. There was restoration of property ownership, where loss of land or property would be given back. Also there was release of people forced into slavery. This was a great leveller.



WHY GOD???

For the Israelites belong to me as servants. They are my servants, whom I brought out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God. (Leviticus 25:55)

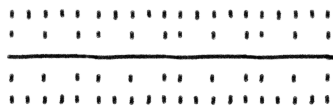


Application =

What would it look like if we looked at the past 12 months in through the lens of Jubilee?

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All through history God uses massive



to fulfil his purposes.

God uses these pattern disruptions, as he did in the year of Jubilee, to draw his people back to a dependence on him. What could that look like in our lives together?

PRAY into this...

Meeting together, Sunday focused church, discipleship patterns have been disrupted... God says "forget the former things... I'm doing something new". The world is not going back to how it was. There is a call to examine our prayer life, how we are missionaries in our setting, what it takes to make disciples. - search me Lord

Is our faith dependent on our singing together or personalities?

God reminds us what a great leveller the cross is. How are we sharing our resources?

Our patterns of life have been disrupted... This year of lockdown has been our Jubilee...

he longs for us to get to know him intimately. To meet him in new deeper ways. Why would we go back to old patterns of church that weren't that fruitful? Help us look to the future, God

Thank you Father for the biggest pattern disruption in history... Jesus coming to earth!