

GO CAMPING WITH GOD









A scenic mountain landscape featuring a central, rugged mountain peak with patches of snow or light-colored rock. The foreground and middle ground consist of rolling green hills and valleys, dotted with large, grey, rocky outcrops. The sky is a deep blue, filled with scattered white and grey clouds. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

**God wants you to go camping for
about a week once a year.**

Leviticus 23:33-34 (CSB)

33 The LORD spoke to Moses: 34 “Tell the Israelites: The Festival of Shelters to the LORD begins on the fifteenth day of this seventh month and continues for seven days.



Leviticus 23:35-36 (CSB)

35 “There is to be a sacred assembly on the first day; you are not to do any daily work.

36 You are to present a food offering to the LORD for seven days. On the eighth day you are to hold a sacred assembly and present a food offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly; you are not to do any daily work.”

Deuteronomy 16:14-15 (CSB)

14 Rejoice during your festival—you, your son and daughter, your male and female slave, as well as the Levite, the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow within your city gates. 15 You are to hold a seven-day festival for the LORD your God in the place he chooses, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, and you will have abundant joy.

Deuteronomy 16:16-17 (CSB)

16 No one is to appear before the LORD empty-handed. 17 Everyone must appear with a gift suited to his means, according to the blessing the LORD your God has given you.

Leviticus 23:39-40 (CSB)

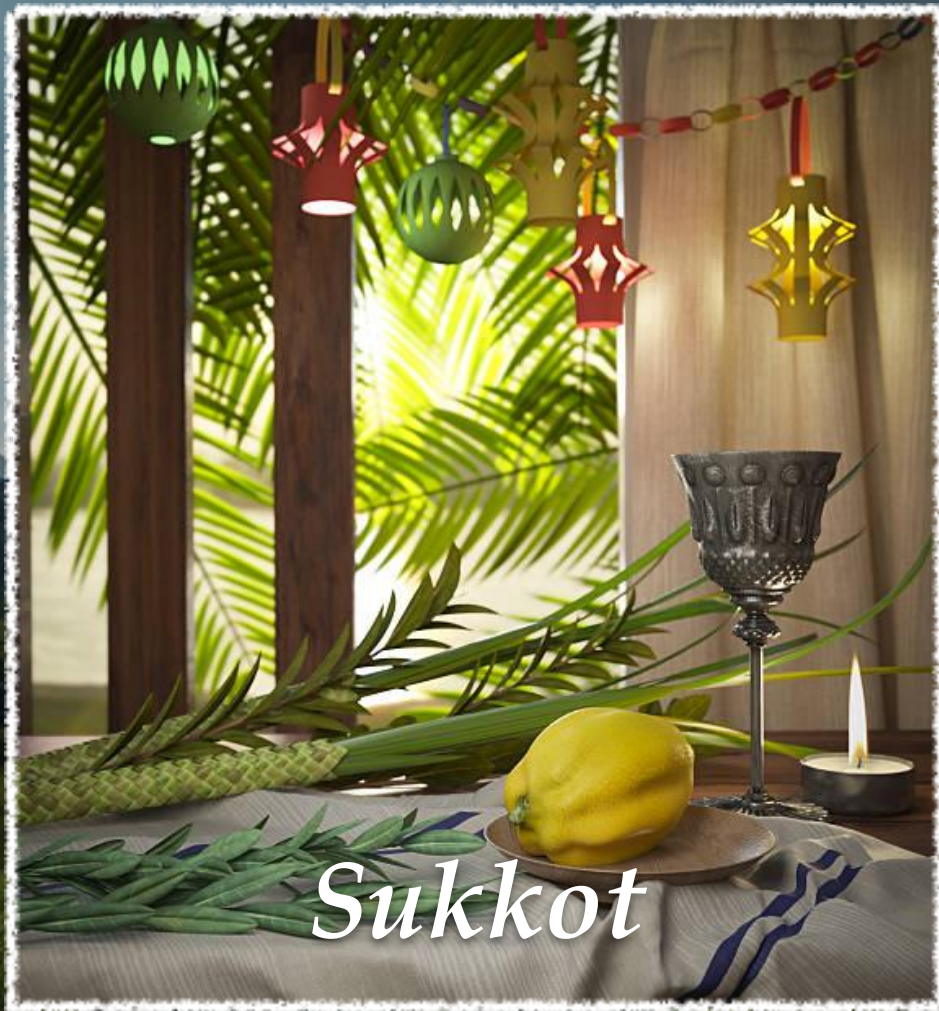
39 You are to celebrate the LORD's festival on the fifteenth day of the seventh month for seven days after you have gathered the produce of the land. There will be complete rest on the first day and complete rest on the eighth day. 40 On the first day you are to take the product of majestic trees — palm fronds, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook — and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

Leviticus 23:41-42 (CSB)

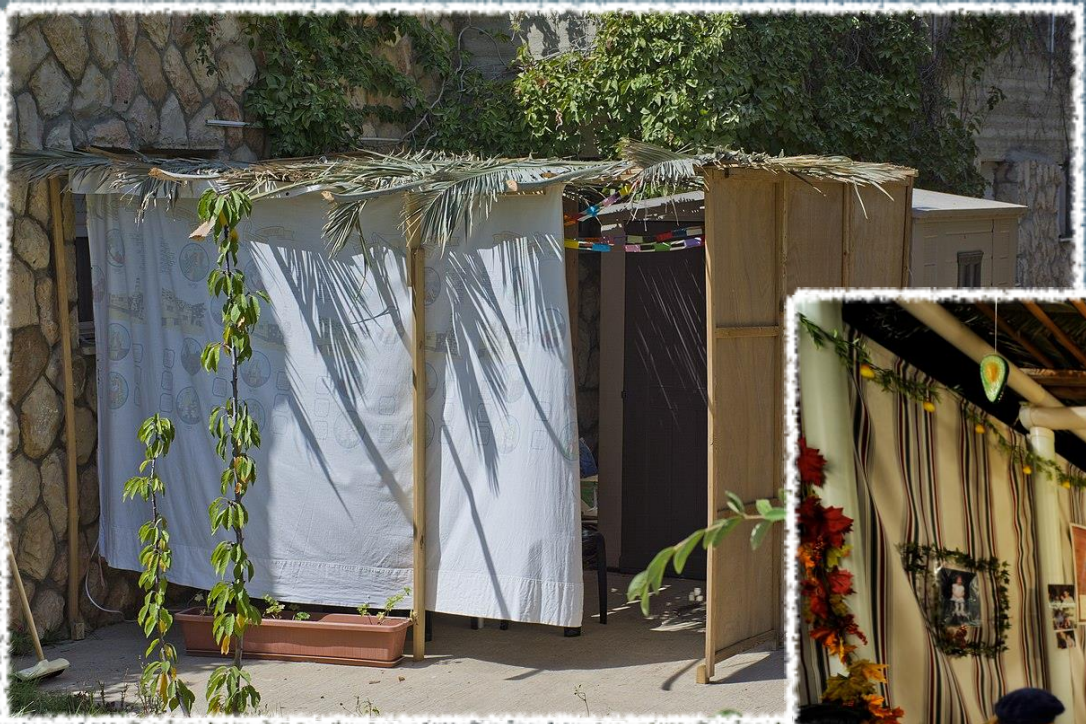
41 You are to celebrate it as a festival to the LORD seven days each year. This is a permanent statute for you throughout your generations; celebrate it in the seventh month. 42 You are to live in shelters for seven days.

Leviticus 23:42-43 (CSB)

42 ...All the native-born of Israel must live in shelters, 43 so that your generations may know that I made the Israelites live in shelters when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.



Sukkot





Lamentations 3:22-24 (CSB)

22 Because of the LORD's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. 23 They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness! 24 I say, "The LORD is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him."

A scenic mountain landscape with a central peak, green valleys, and a blue sky with clouds. The foreground is filled with green grass and rocks, leading up to a valley with a central mountain peak. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

1. We camp because camping
helps us REMEMBER.

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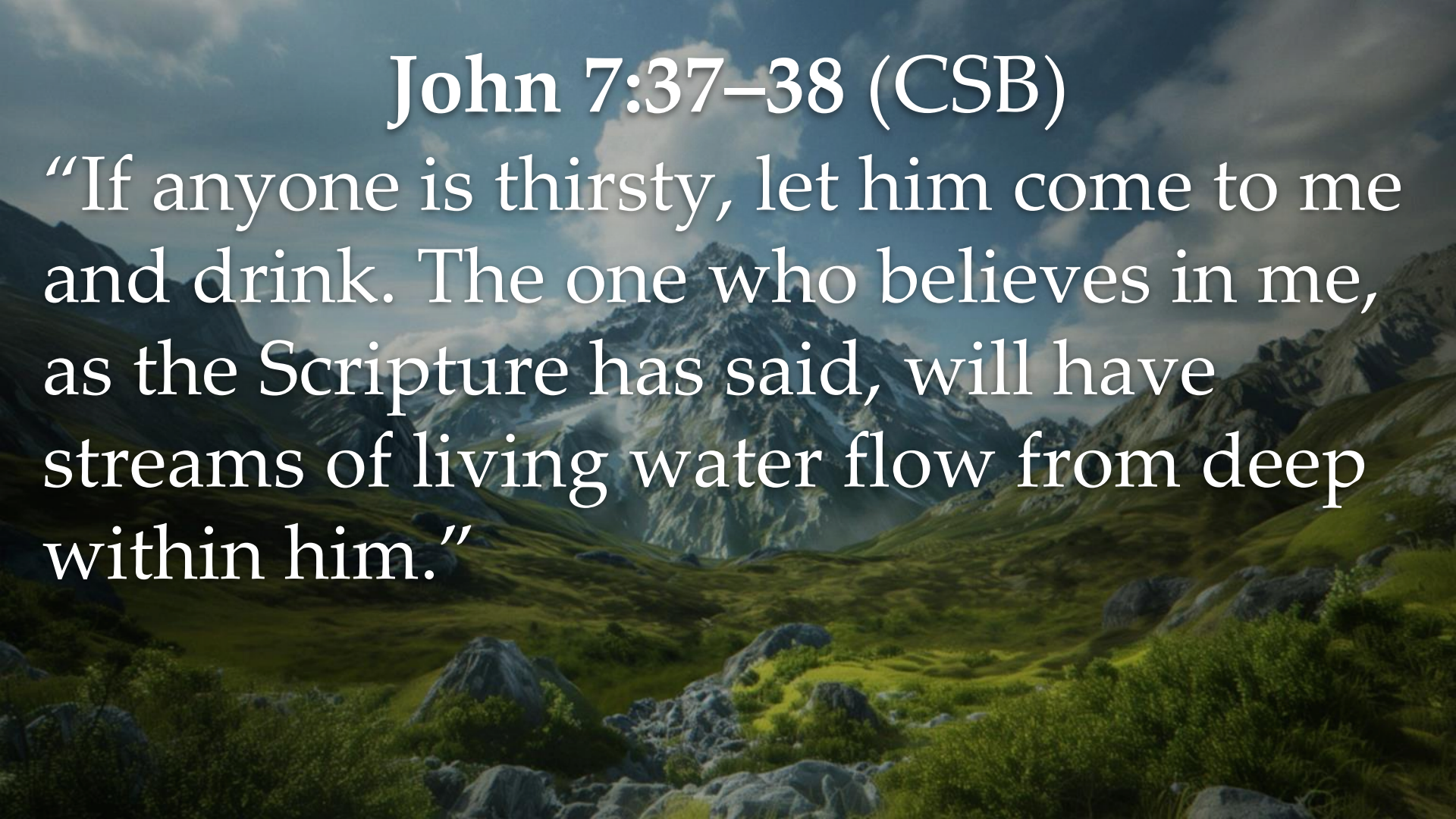
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A scenic mountain landscape with a central peak, green valleys, and a blue sky with clouds. The foreground is filled with green grass and scattered grey rocks. The middle ground shows rolling green hills leading to a valley. In the background, a large, rugged mountain peak rises against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a high-altitude or alpine environment.

2. We camp because camping
FORMS us as God's people.

John 7:37–38 (CSB)

“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him.”



A dramatic landscape of a mountain valley. The foreground is filled with green, rocky terrain. In the middle ground, there are rolling green hills. In the background, a large, rugged mountain range rises under a cloudy sky. The overall scene is bright and clear, with a mix of green, grey, and blue tones.

John 8:12 (CSB)

“I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.”

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**Camping makes us intentionally
uncomfortable and thus aware.**

A scenic mountain landscape with a large, white, serif text overlay. The background shows a valley with green grass and rocky terrain, leading up to a range of mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text is centered and reads: "Camping creates in us gratitude and reminds us that we have not yet arrived at our true home."

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Hebrews 11:8-10 (CSB)

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and set out for a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, living in tents as did Isaac and Jacob, coheirs of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God...

Hebrews 11:13-14 (CSB)

13 These all died in faith, although they had not received the things that were promised. But they saw them from a distance, greeted them, and confessed that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth. 14 Now those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

Hebrews 11:15-16 (CSB)

15 If they were thinking about where they came from, they would have had an opportunity to return. 16 But they now desire a better place—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

2 Corinthians 5:1-3 (CSB)

1 For we know that if our earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal dwelling in the heavens, not made with hands. 2 Indeed, we groan in this tent, desiring to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 since, when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

A scenic mountain landscape with green valleys and rocky peaks under a blue sky with clouds. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Camping cultivates within us
dependance, stokes faith, and
increases our reliance on God.**

2 Corinthians 5:4-5 (CSB)

4 Indeed, we groan while we are in this tent, burdened as we are, because we do not want to be unclothed but clothed, so that mortality may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as a down payment.

2 Corinthians 5:6-9 (CSB)

6 So we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 In fact, we are confident, and we would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 Therefore, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him.

A majestic mountain landscape with a central peak, green valleys, and a blue sky with clouds. The scene is a wide-angle view of a mountain range. In the center, a sharp, rocky peak rises above a valley. The valley floor is covered in lush green grass and scattered grey rocks. The surrounding slopes are also green, with some rocky outcrops. The sky is a deep blue, filled with soft, white clouds. The overall atmosphere is serene and awe-inspiring.

**3 We camp because God wants to
camp with us.**

Zechariah 2:10-11 (CSB)

10 Daughter Zion, shout for joy and be glad, for I am coming to dwell among you' —this is the LORD's declaration. 11 "Many nations will join themselves to the LORD on that day and become my people. I will dwell among you, and you will know that the LORD of Armies has sent me to you."

John 1:14 (CSB)

The Word became flesh and dwelt [literally 'pitched his tent'] among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.