

## Appointed Times 2022 Firstfruits

### Introduction

He gave Israel a sacred trust The bear His name The manifest His redemptive plan to the world  
Ultimately they provide a Biblical and Historical Foundation for faith in Jesus. Seven Feasts 4  
Spring...3 Fall All tell a complete story of the Messiah Spring feasts happened in Jesus' First Coming  
to Earth Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits and Weeks Fall feasts will happen at His second  
coming Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles

Signs of Jesus' return...Signs of the Literal Fulfilment of the Fall Feasts Signs in the heavens, signs  
on earth, Signs among people, Signs in the hearts of people He gave signs recorded in Scripture  
through the Prophets Signs recorded in Scripture by Jesus Himself... Then He gave His followers  
the Holy Spirit...to reveal and teach all things... Including awareness of the times.

So today...we have been looking at these feasts... Passover...the sacrifice Unleavened  
Bread....dealing with our sin Today...we explore the Feast of First Fruits The feast that points  
to Jesus' Resurrection

We are in the middle of our study... Of the Spring Feasts... Each of these Feasts  
foreshadowed a Key Appointed Time In the Life of Messiah....Jesus Passover....foretold  
of His death and crucifixion as the Lamb of God Unleavened Bread...foretold of His  
burial

The Third Spring Feast...First fruits....foretells of His resurrection

And in 33 AD...Jesus was crucified on Passover....Buried on the Day of Unleavened Bread...  
And resurrected on the Day of Firstfruits... And we will see...that the celebration day God set  
aside to remember Jesus' resurrection Is not....the Day we call Easter More about that to  
follow So make sure your seat belts are fastened

### First Fruits

Leviticus 23:9–12 (ESV) The Feast of Firstfruits 9 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,  
10 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you  
and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest,  
11 and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after  
the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. 12 And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer  
a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD. Leviticus 23:13–14  
(ESV) 13 And the grain offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with  
oil, a food offering to the LORD with a pleasing aroma, and the drink offering with it shall be of  
wine, a fourth of a hin. 14 And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this  
same day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout  
your generations in all your dwellings.

The Feast of Firstfruits.... Celebrated the first of the cereal grain harvests in Israel Seeds  
sown in winter begin to grow by Spring The first crop to show signs of growth....was Barley

The first sheaths of Barley were set aside... Identified for use as the First Fruit offering to the Lord

This first fruit offering....was given to God It represented the Barley Harvest as a whole By giving it to God...the people were making a pledge or a promise That the full harvest would be realized in the days to come

Giving this First Fruit offering to God... Took a great deal of faith.... They were not sure that the harvest would come It was not unusual for drought...or insects to wipe out an entire harvest But by taking what they first received...and giving the very best to God... They were trusting God...to provide for their needs...in all circumstances

Appointed Times Across the ages, God has sought after the People of Israel... In order to bless them and through them bless others That redemptive plan...is outlined in 7 feasts The word feast means Appointed Time In a sense, these times represent God's agenda With His redeemed people

The Feast of Firstfruits It falls in the time of the Feast of Unleavened Bread It is the day after the Sabbath.... The Jewish Sabbath was on Saturday..... There are some debates about which Sabbath this follows... The Majority opinion, held by the Parisees.... Is that First fruits falls the day after the Sabbath...**IMAGE 1**

The First Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread on Nisan 15 The Holy Convocation where no work was to be done The High Holy Day Thus Firstfruits is on Nisan 16 Thus we have....Calendar Image Passover Starting on Nisan 14 Unleavened Bread starting on Nisan 15-21 Firstfruits on Nisan 16

The Regulation of Firstfruits.... A Sheaf (Omer meaning measure) was to be brought to the priest... At the temple who would wave it before the Lord for acceptance Now since this day falls during Unleavened Bread... And Unleavened Bread was one of the Pilgrimage Feasts They were always in Jerusalem at the Temple for this feast too There were other sacrifices required too... unblemished male lamb of the first year Drink offering of wine meal offering of barley mixed with olive oil

The Ceremony at the Temple A national barley field as kept near the Temple **Photo Barley 1** It was cultivated solely for the First Fruits offering.... And kept strictly in accordance with all rabbinic traditions It was organic...no artificial watering...no fertilization

In the days...prior to the Feast... Specific sheaths were selectively marked as first fruits Then at Sundown on Nissan 15...the beginning of Nissan 16 A 3 Man delegation went from the temple to the barley field. They carried Sickles and baskets They get to the sheaths immediately before sundown... Moments of silence follows.... Then in unison they asked the onlookers a series of questions

Has the sun set? With this sickle? Into this basket? On this Sabbath? Shall I reap now? After hearing positive responses they repeated it two more times..just to make sure. The Marked Sheaths were reaped until one ephah of barley (about 2/3 bushel) was obtained

Then the grain was taken to the temple and threshed. with rods. **Barley 2** It was parched over an open flame and winnowed in the wind... To remove the chaff... Then the barley was sifted until it was very fine. **Barley 3**

Then on the morning of Nisan 16...these firstfruits were presented to the Lord. One omer (5 pints) of barley flour mixed with 3/4 pints of olive oil and a small amount of frankincense was sprinkled on it.. That was the first fruit offering. No one can touch the harvest...until the firstfruit portion has been given to the Lord This is important in the life of Jesus....we will see in a bit

The Priest waved it before the Lord and burned a small amount on the altar The remainder was given to the Levites. The actual temple ritual is outlined including what they were to recite when making the offering is in Deuteronomy 26...

The First Fruit offering was a reminder to the Jewish people That God had given them the land...and the entire harvest was His The people were just stewards of the land Offering the first fruits consecrated the rest of the Harvest to the Lord If God accepted the first fruits, it meant God would accept the rest of the harvest as well

Most Importantly... The People were forbidden to use any part of the Harvest In any way...until after the first fruits were offered to the Lord To neglect these first fruit offerings was considered robbery of God

Now since the Temple no longer exists...the Jewish People do not celebrate this Feast.. in the same manner today... Today this Feast is primarily a marker of time

The day of this Feast... It started the clock ticking for the Feast of Weeks.

**Leviticus 23:15–16 (ESV) The Feast of Weeks 15 “You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. 16 You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the LORD.**

These days are called the Counting of the Omer.. Counting from the Omer to 50 Days For the Feast of Weeks What we call Pentecost

While current day Jews don't celebrate this Feast with the same focus.. I believe that this is the most important Feasts Christ Followers Celebrate.. For what will become obvious reasons

So as Passover Approached... There was a lot of work to be done.... Lambs had to be chosen and examined...For Passover Houses purged of all leaven for the Feast of Unleavened Bread And barley sheaths had to be marked in the Fields for the Feast of Firstfruits.

Key Point: First Things really matter to God...

The First portion of the crops... The First born of animals Even the first born of the Israelites... Belong to God. The First born males at one month of age... Were to be presented to the Priest... A price could be paid and they could be redeemed Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple...

Luke 2:22–24 (ESV) Jesus Presented at the Temple 22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

It was at this time that Jesus was first publicly called the Messiah Simeon and Anna the prophetess declared His Messiahship First things really matter to God

We learned about Passover... The firstborn was under the curse of death...and judgment They were saved only by faith in the blood of the innocent Lamb All of us are in a spiritual sense the firstborn of Adam... Under the curse of death...and in need of redemption

Romans 5:19 (ESV) 19 For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

1 Corinthians 15:22–23 (ESV) 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Jesus is our Firstfruit...

He resurrected on the morning of the Feast of First Fruits The resurrection of Jesus was the guarantee...the promise... of the final harvest of all mankind.

1 Corinthians 15:20–26 (ESV) 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

The Feast of Firstfruits was a shadow of the real first fruit to come..Jesus For years the Jewish People would give to God what is first.... Trusting Him to provide the harvest

Jesus is the first fruit of the resurrection.... He is the First to overcome death... And He is the promise...the guarantee... Of the great Spiritual harvest to come... and He resurrected on the very day....the very morning... That Priests in the temple...were offering to God...the first fruit of their harvest

Now it may surprise you to learn... That Jesus was not the only one to resurrect that morning... God wanted to make sure.... That we understood...others would resurrect...

His promise of the Harvest after Jesus..the first fruit.. The wave offering consisted of barley sheaths that were bound together.

A group of individual sheaths Likewise when Jesus offered Himself as the First fruit offering... The first to be raised from the dead.... Other individual believers we raised from death that day too ...

Matthew 27:51–53 (ESV) 51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, 53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Many saints...that means believers... Who had fallen asleep... They died physically ...but are alive spiritually Note that their bodies were raised...

Note they came out of the tombs when? After His resurrection...He was the first fruit... They were evidence of the harvest to follow The promise of the first fruit Jesus Himself spoke of the future harvest.....

John 5:28–29 (ESV) 28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

Note that everyone will hear His voice one day... Every human will rise at Jesus' voice. Some to life...others to judgment Just like there are two parts to the Harvest... The wheat and the chaff There will be two parts to the final harvest

Those who have put their trust in Jesus..in the blood of the Lamb Will see death pass over...and the promise of resurrection... the promise of the First Fruit Jesus come true in their lives

Jesus provided a guarantee to us... When He rose from the dead... That those who trust in Him will too

The Feasts foretell a story

So Passover.... Pictures Messiah Jesus as the Lamb who was slain The sacrifice needed for our condition Unleavened Bread allowed us to take a Selfie... And become aware of our condition... To see the Leaven in our lives...and to see Jesus as without sin The Feast of Unleavened Bread is about our separation Our sins separating us from God in death

But then comes First Fruits... New life...new growth...Jesus resurrected from Death First fruit is the feast that brings with it...HOPE First Fruits is about acceptance It is about a promised...sealed and secured by God. It is called consecration... Being set apart for God's work

First fruits sealing the promise of the harvest to come. Knowing all who are asleep trusting in Jesus. Will be made alive. First fruits can't exist without Passover

Now do you remember... When I said...no one could touch the First Fruit offering... Or the harvest until...the first fruit portion Had been presented to the Lord?

On the morning of the Feast of Firstfruits... Jesus had resurrected from the dead... He encounters Mary at the tomb...

John 20:15–17 (ESV) 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "

Note His words..do not cling to me...don't touch me.. For I have not yet ascended to the Father In other words... I am the first fruit offering... But I have not yet been presented to the Father Just like the Priests in the temple offered the first fruit offering to the Father..

Jesus is saying...I too as the high priest... Must offer my atonement to the Father For I am the first of the Harvest.... To rise from the dead...and to never die again For His acceptance... Then the Harvest can be touched and enjoyed

As the barely sheath could not be touched until it was offered to God Jesus the human sheath..could not be touched until He offered Himself... In the heavenly temple as the firstfruits of the dead

Go an tell the brothers.... This is the first time He calls them brothers... Now that He has resurrected.... They have Spiritually moved from disciples.. To God's children...brothers...

What Jesus is saying is that his resurrection....The First fruit... was not just about the forgiveness of sins... But about a new relationship for us with God....we become His children.

I am ascending to the Father... The First fruit of the Harvest will be waved before the Father The promise of and guarantee of the harvest to come Tell them the First fruit offering is with the Father

After Jesus had been accepted as the First Fruit offering....they could touch Him

John 20:27 (ESV) 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

The offering of the Wave Sheath... Sanctified the whole harvest.. You and I can know that we have eternal life... Because Jesus' resurrection proves... that God accepted His sacrifice for our sins Thus the rest of the harvest..you and I ..and everyone who believes Will be accepted as well.

The Hebrew word for acceptance... Carries the emotion of being pleased or delighted  
Because of Jesus...God the Father is delighted to accept us completely

Now also notice... Only through faith in Jesus could we take our place... In the promised future harvest to come. In fact, God gives us proof of our place in that Harvest...

Romans 8:22–23 (ESV) 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Jesus is the first fruit of the Harvest to come... He seals that promise in us... By giving us the Holy Spirit... The Holy Spirit is a first fruit for us too The First Fruits of the Full expression of the Spirit to Come.

The next great promise... After the acceptance of Jesus as the First Fruit offering... Is Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit to seal in us that promise. And at the next feast...The Feast of Weeks... At a perfect appointed time.. Seven Sevens

The Holy Spirit will descend and fall At the Feast of Weeks...that we call Pentecost. Each feast...just telling the story of what is to come next.. In the life of the Messiah God painting a picture..a foreshadowing...through His Appointed Times with us.

So how do we apply this to our lives? We aren't here to just learn...we are here to change.

The First way that we can apply this.... Is to actually celebrate the Feast of First Fruits... To take an Appointed Day...set by God...A holy Day... To celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Now you may be thinking...don't we do that ...Isn't that Easter Yes but it is a bit complicated...

I hear people say.... The day the Jews call First Fruits..we call Easter But that is not true. sometimes it is...sometimes it isn't

God Appointed a Special Day...to bring about Jesus' resurrection It is the 16th Day of Nisan based on the Jewish Calendar It never changes year to year Passover...crucifixion...Nisan 14 Unleavened Bread..Nisan 15...burial First Fruits Nisan 16...resurrection Same every year

3 Appointed Times by God..in order... Now here is the problem.. The Day we decided to celebrate Easter...is not based on these Appointed Times It has more to do with Pagan Holidays

As Christianity Spread into pagan lands They were already celebrating a pagan spring fertility holiday That holiday was associated with the name Easter...and was timed with the vernal equinox Early Christians took over that celebration into a celebration of Christ's Resurrection Keeping however the name Easter... and the timing of that day with the vernal equinox

Thus what we call Easter...falls each year...on the First Sunday.... after the new moon following the Northern Hemisphere's Vernal Equinox.

What causes this mismatch? There are two ways of answering this question. The first is that there's a basic misalignment between the Christian and the Jewish festival calendars. Both holidays are supposed to fall on, or near, a full moon in the spring. Passover always begins on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan. Because the Hebrew months are pegged directly to the lunar cycle, the 15th day of Nisan is always a full moon. For a time, early Christians used the Jewish calendar as a reference, celebrating Easter on the first Sunday after Nisan 15. But at the First Council of Nicaea in a.d. 325, the Church decided to set its own date for Easter, independent of the Jewish reckoning. Today most Christian communities celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21. But sometimes this full moon isn't the same as the Jewish one. And here arises the second, deeper answer. The lunar mismatch occurs because both calendars must grapple with the same underlying problem: A lunar year is not the same length as a full solar year. In fact, nothing is exactly the same length as a solar year, because not all solar years are the same length. This challenge ails not only both religious calendars, but also every human attempt at timekeeping on Earth.

So before I go to far...Let me remind us of Paul's Words

Romans 14:5–6 (ESV) 5 One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. ....while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.

But here is the problem with Easter Some years Easter comes early...other years late In 2008 we celebrated Easter...one month before Passover Putting the celebration of His resurrection...well ahead of the Feast pointing to His death and burial In that last few years...Easter has been on... March 27...April 1...April 8..April 12, April 21 This year The Feast of Firstfruits and Easter were on the same day

Next Year... Feast of firstfruits will be on...April 12th Easter will be fall one week earlier on ...April 5th We will celebrate Easter out of context of the other Feasts.

That makes us run the risk.. Of missing a key point of his resurrection... Often we celebrate Easter focused on Jesus... and the price He paid on the cross... If you ask people about Easter...they tell you it is about Jesus's death on the cross

But that is actually what we call Good Friday... Many say that Easter is about Jesus overcoming death...and taking our place...defeating death..by resurrecting And He did...that is all true and should be celebrated with everything we have

But we ALSO need to see what Jesus did...in light of God's prophetic calendar We need to understand and celebrate... That He was the First Fruit of the Promised harvest to come And by separating these two days...or only celebrating Easter... We run the risk of failing to recognize... A very core message of that Resurrection.... That He is the Firstfruit

Paul instructed us to not esteem one day higher than another We need to make sure that we are celebrating Jesus' resurrection...in the context of the story of these Appointed Times I just want to make sure that you understand... The Day God set aside...to remember Jesus as the First Fruit



You can celebrate Easter and the Feast of Unleavened Bread However you desire... Some Christians are not comfortable celebrating Easter and celebrate only First Fruits You can imagine that churches divide on this stuff.. We celebrate Easter Sunday as a church...I encourage you to attend and bring friends Many of us also celebrate the Feast of Firstfruits when those days fall on different days God told us to set aside appointed times... I encourage you to do so...as your heart desires... With Paul's words...setting the framework of your decision.

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Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind... Observe or abstain...you decide... But do so..in honor of the Lord.... And give thanks to God. I believe it benefits me...to celebrate the Feast of Firstfruits and Easter

### Lesson # 1 First Fruits teaches us that we are secure in our salvation

We live with total confidence that our salvation is secure...entrusted to the Father...through Jesus Just like the Israelites knew...since God accepted the first fruit offering The rest of the Harvest was guaranteed too... We know our future resurrection over death is secure as well And that should change everything about the way we live our lives

No matter..the seasons of drought...or attacks in your life... God has sealed your harvest. You are a new creation...a spiritual being... A born again...Child of God First Fruits reminds us that we have already conquered death.

### Lesson # 2 First things really matter to God.

God deserves the First of everything you have. We should not touch any area of our lives... Until God has be given our first fruit... The pattern over and over in the Bible... If you give God the first of everything you have... He blesses the rest

Our Harvest today is financial... God tells us...to bring the first fruit of everything we earn... To Him...to the local church...a tithe...at least a tenth And then trust Him to meet your needs...with the remaining 90% When you give God the first of everything you have... He blesses the rest.

We have been blessed as a church... Because we give awaya significant proportion of what we receive That is why God has blessed us with the rest. We don't talk much about money here at Remnant. God will move in the hearts of our people To bring to Him what is first..

Now giving God what is first does not just relate to our money. In fact, God taught us in Leviticus that He wants the first of everything, including our time.

Leviticus 23:3 (ESV) The Sabbath 3 "Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwelling places.

It is a holy convocation..a meeting time with God Not a day to work around the house..go to Home Depot...run errands We are instructed to take one day each week...a consecrate it to God To spend an entire day...focused on Him....reading Scriptures..praying...reflecting over the week

Give Him the Appointed Time He demands each week... Trust Him to fulfill all that you need to Harvest... In the remaining 6 days When you give God the first of everything you have.. He blesses the rest

We are to do the same thing each day... To set apart time to be on our knees and in the Word To make God the first meeting we have each day To make Him our first priority when we wake up And yes..you may have to wake up early to do it. That is what Jesus did..

Mark 1:35 (ESV) 35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

When His days got really busy.... When they seemed to overwhelm Him... He did put in extra hours... He didn't panic...

Luke 5:15–16 (ESV) 15 But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Great crowds in desperate need.... Lots of Jesus work to be done... But...But...He would withdraw to desolate places and pray

First fruits reminds us.... That when we get overwhelmed and super busy We need to give God the first of our efforts... We need to spend time in the desolate places...praying. When you give God the first of everything you have.. He blesses the rest

I encourage everyone to get involved in some form of missions. To either go on a mission trip or to serve others here at home. To take some of your free time...and offer it to God To take some of your resources...and offer them to God To Give God the First Fruit of your Personal time.... Why is this so important? Why would anyone do this?

Because when you offer God the First of everything you have... He blesses the rest. I have never met anyone who regretted giving God their first time while serving others.

### Lesson #3 We are Firstfruits

Well...did you know that we are first fruits?

James 1:18 (ESV) 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

We are the evidence of the Harvest for others. Just like we see Jesus resurrected...changed...full of life...a Spiritual being Others see us...changed...full of life...full of the Holy Spirit. We present ourselves...in a sense...as a living wave offering... a promise... a guarantee...of the life Jesus offers to all who believe

The Feast of Unleavened Bread.... Is about our Spiritual burial with Christ Teaches us that we should strive to live a life... Separated from the leaven..the sins..the ways of this world. Unleavened bread is about putting off the "Old self" Our old ways of desiring the works of the flesh

The Feast of Firstfruits... Is about our resurrection with Jesus Spiritually and the promise of our bodily resurrection to come in the future We are saved from our old life...our old self... And become a new person..in Christ...sharing in His resurrection Putting off the old man is not enough...we must put on the new man

We offer ourselves to the Lord... And in a sense become a wave offering to others As you separate from the worlds leaven.. As you rise in Christ Pun intended... As your old self disappears and your new self emerges Your life...is set apart...

As your fear of death...disappears... As the presence of the Holy Spirit empowers you As you live your life growing the fruit of that Spirit Your life because of the way you live it... become the evidence to others.. Of a new Harvest to come Your life in a sense...gets waved in front of others..

You become the first fruit offering Dying to yourself....serving others...living life all in Not holding on to anything but Jesus Giving everything you have...to be used for His purposes... You become as Paul says...a living sacrifice..a living first fruit

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV) 12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind

First Fruits is all about presenting yourself.... Along with everything you have.... Your time..talent...money Your dreams...aspirations...desires You job...your relationships..your family Your home...your possessions Your thoughts...your attitudes...your heart... To the Father...for His purposes...And trusting Him to bring out even a greater harvest... In all these areas of your life...

As we reflect for a few moments... And ask God...what first fruit in your life are you holding on to? Are there any firsts in your life...that you have touched.... before offering them to Him? Have you confessed that sin? What do you need to trust Him with? I want you to meditate on this verse...

Matthew 6:32–33 (ESV) Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.