

A 1000 WORDS IS WORTH A PICTURE

Exodus 26-27

- The tabernacle shows us that God desires a RELATIONSHIP with His people.
 - The tabernacle shows us God's HOLINESS.
 - The tabernacle shows us that we must live by FAITH, not by sight.
 - The tabernacle shows us the VALUE of God's Presence in JESUS.
- The bronze altar shows us that a SACRIFICE is necessary for relationship with God.
- The constant, pure light in the tabernacle shows us the CONSTANCY of God's Presence.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What are some times in daily life when a picture is worth a thousand words?
2. Try to describe each of these things from memory: the tabernacle, the court, the Ark of the Covenant & mercy seat, the veil, the golden lampstand, the table for bread, the bronze altar. Which one stands out to you? Why?
3. How is the tabernacle a picture of God stooping down to have a relationship with His people? How is it a picture of His holiness?
4. Think about the experience of the average Israelite in approaching the tabernacle. What would this picture communicate to them about relationship with God?
5. For the average Israelite, how were they called to live by faith, not by sight? What does that look like in your life? (see Heb 11:1, 6; 2 Cor 5:6-7)
6. How does Jesus fulfill the tabernacle? (see John 1:14; 2:19-21) How does that encourage you?
7. Read Psalm 84. Why did Israel feel this way about God's courts? How should we feel about being in God's Presence?
8. What do you take away from the picture of the bronze altar? How does Jesus fulfill this? (see Hebrews 9:24-26 and 10:11-14).
9. What was your main encouragement from this week's study?

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