

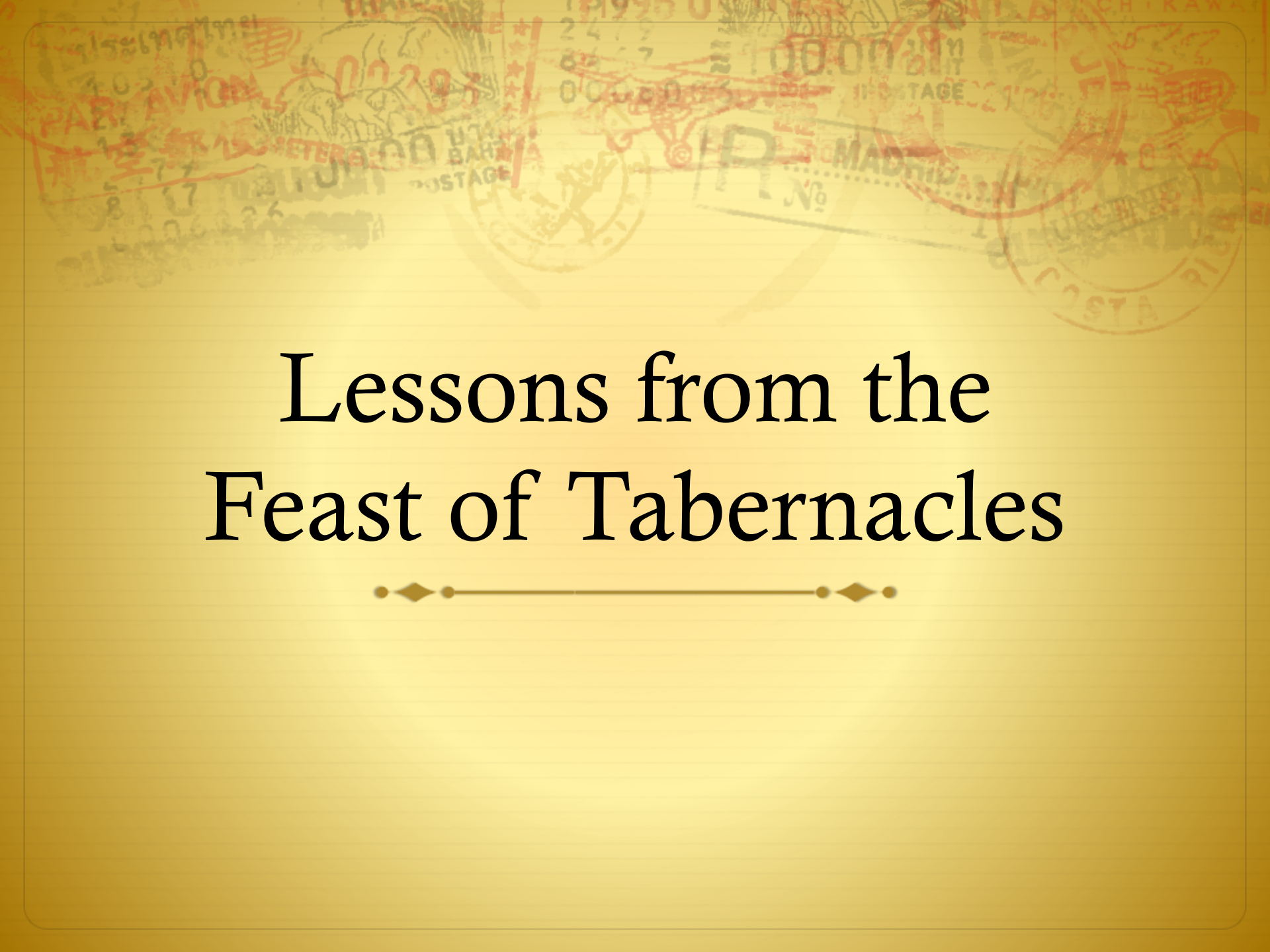


“But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” – Jn. 4:14

Why the Samaritan gospel?



- ✦ “On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” (Jn. 7:37-38)



Lessons from the Feast of Tabernacles

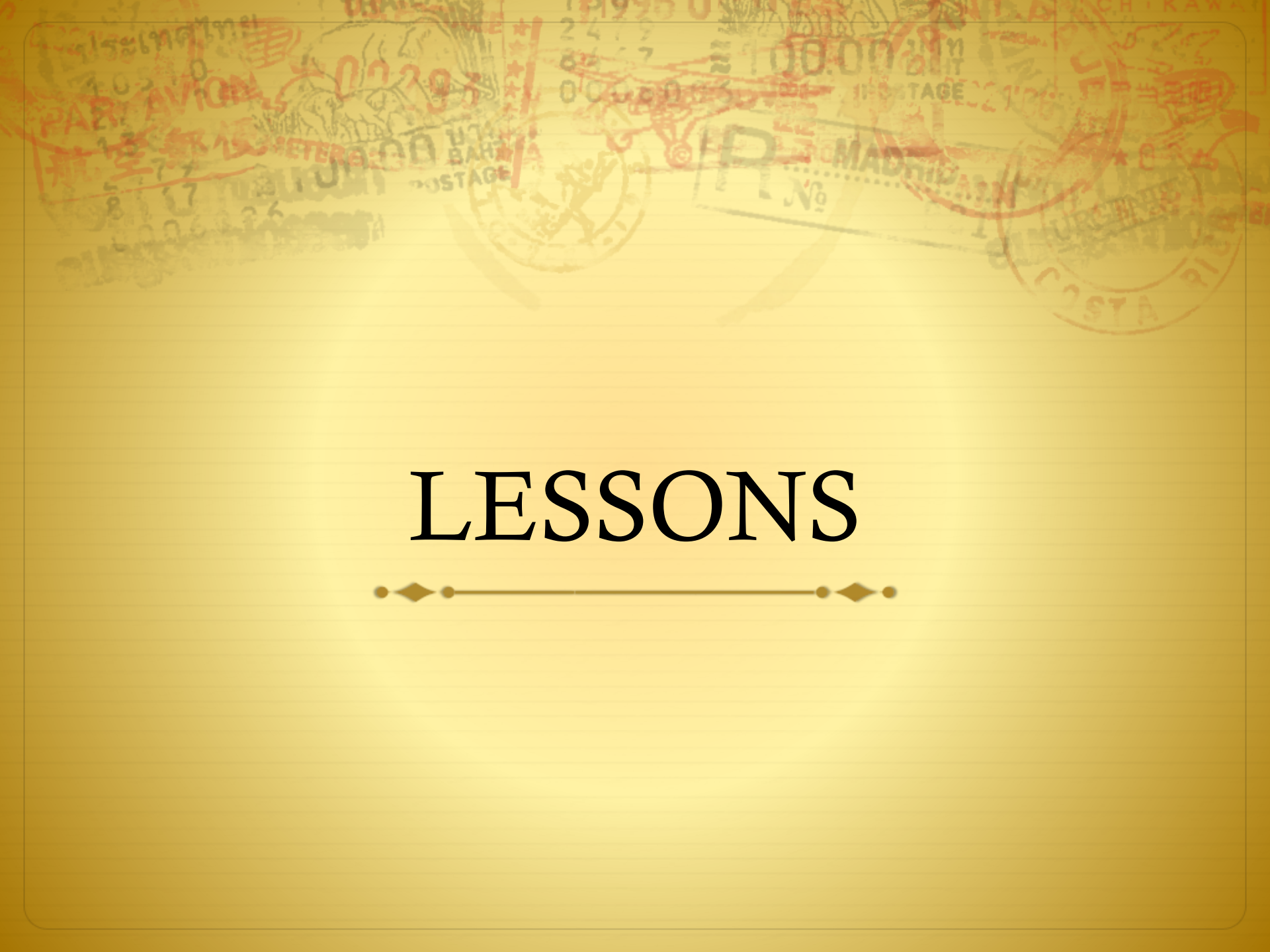
Background of the Feast of Tabernacles

- ✧ Sukkot or Succot (Heb.) = Feast of Booths
- ✧ One of 3 major pilgrimage feasts
- ✧ Carries double significance:
 - ✧ Agricultural
 - ✧ Religious
 - ✧ “You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.” (Lev. 23:42-43)

Background of the Feast of Tabernacles

- ✧ Celebrated for 8 days
- ✧ 1st and last days were highly exalted
- ✧ Believers would pilgrim to Jerusalem and camp in Sukkah (booths)
- ✧ Booths – made of plant overgrowth or palm leaves



The background of the slide is a dense, overlapping collage of vintage postage stamps and postmarks. The stamps are in various colors, including red, yellow, and green, and feature different designs, some with portraits and others with text. The postmarks are in various colors and include dates and locations such as "PARIS", "MADRID", and "COSTA RICA". The overall effect is a textured, historical aesthetic.

LESSONS



Keep the harvest before you



- ✦ “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’

Keep the harvest before you



- ✦ “The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”””
(Matt. 13:24-30)

Keep the harvest before you



- ✦ Remember the Lord in your youth
- ✦ “Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them.’”
(Eccl. 12:1)
- ✦ “It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth.”
(Lam. 3:27)



Safeguard your body

- ✦ “For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”
(2 Cor. 5:1)
- ✦ We are stewards over our bodies
- ✦ How do we safeguard our bodies?
 - ✦ Is there a difference between living in the Church, and the Church living within you?



Our spiritual journey should be one of JOY



- ✦ “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” (Rom. 8:16-17)
- ✦ “Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.” (Lk. 12:37)

Conclusion



- ✦ Keep the harvest before you
 - ✦ Remember the Lord in your youth
- ✦ Safeguard your body
 - ✦ We are stewards over our bodies
 - ✦ How do we safeguard our bodies?
- ✦ Our spiritual journey should be one of JOY
 - ✦ Our spiritual journey should be one of joy