

Communion is...

Communion is faithfulness. Even if Jesus had to die to be faithful, He was willing and He did it. And now He nourishes us with that same faithfulness...

Read Matthew 26:47-56

Multiple intense confrontations for Jesus are taking place in these few verses, but because we have been working our way through the whole of this chapter, we know **these are just a few of the many conflicts Jesus has been enduring, in fact the worst for Him has yet to begin.**

I don't know about you, but just one or two of these kinds of confrontations and I would be prone to call it a really bad day, give myself permission to say something ugly, respond in anger, or worse. **So, I am astounded at how steady Jesus is through each moment...**

And as I look closer, I find that His anchor is His faithfulness to the Scripture! Did you catch what Jesus says in both verses 54 and 56? He says, *"How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?"* and *"But all of this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."* Jesus' knowledge of the Scriptures and His desire to see them fulfilled are faithfully anchoring Him through one swelling confrontation after another.

I am both encouraged and challenged by what I see in Jesus. Encouraged because I know that I have access to the Word too, that I can ground myself in it and trust that it will hold me steady. **But I am also challenged because** I see that Jesus was willing to submit Himself to evil men and even die so that the Scriptures could be fulfilled in His life. He said, *"it must happen this way."* What about me? **What am I willing to faithfully endure so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled in me?**

As I sit at the communion table with Jesus, I am not surprised that He often talks about the Scripture with me. Because He wants to anchor my life in the Scripture just as He was anchored. He wants me to know the Scripture, to love the Scripture and to live my life so it might be fulfilled in me too.

Left to myself, I don't have what it takes, I will be unfaithful, but at the communion table, He nourishes me with Himself so that I will be built up to faithfully fulfill the Scriptures in my life as He did.

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Jesus, Your love for and faithfulness to the Scriptures both challenges and inspires me. Left to myself I will be unfaithful, but I know that You can strengthen me to live differently. I want to fulfill the Scriptures in my life as You did. **Please nourish me to be faithful...**