

Communion is...

Communion is fellowship... interacting with God and knowing His presence.

Read Matthew 26:31-35

There have been times in my life where I have felt all alone. Where it seems like everyone has left me. And when I feel like that, I can get pretty dramatic. **Perhaps you can relate.**

But the truth is, God is always with me. And the truth is, many times I can overreact... because the reality is, not everyone has left, I am just probably feeling that way.

However, in verses 31-35 where we see these last moments that Jesus spent with His disciples, Jesus wasn't being overdramatic. He was speaking the truth in verse 31 when He said, *"You will all fall away because of Me this night..."* That was the truth! **Everyone of them would turn His back on Him,** even Peter who emphatically declared he wouldn't.

And Jesus knew this as well... carrying out His mission meant that God the Father would also turn away from Him as He took on the sin of the world. Jesus didn't just feel this way, this would really take place. He would be ALL ALONE. But even still, we see He stayed true to His mission. **He didn't waver.**

Now before we take on the attitude of, "of course He didn't waver, He is Jesus!" we need to feel the weight of all He was experiencing. **Just because Jesus didn't waver, it doesn't mean He didn't experience the emotional trauma of this full rejection.** Jesus is the only One who can truly say, *"I was all alone. Everyone left me."* That is weighty and hurtful beyond what we can imagine. **And make no mistake, Jesus felt it deeply.** But His feelings didn't drive His behavior... **His mission of love for us did.**

As we partake of His body and blood today in communion with Him, may we be thankful for His unwavering love and the privilege of knowing that because of His sacrifice for us, **we will never be all alone. We have been given eternal relationship with God.** And may we be empowered by this knowing, and waver not from His calling on our lives, no matter who stands with us or turns away.

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Lord, Your presence gives me life! I know that You walked through extreme rejection beyond what I will ever face, so that I can always have fellowship with You. I give You my moments of loneliness and ask for Your presence to fill me daily and guide me with confidence.

