

Communion is...

Communion is **eating a meal with Jesus**, and powerful things happen around that table.

Read Matthew 26:14–25

The Bible tells us that the root of all sin is pride, and we certainly see that displayed here. Judas is self-focused and self-seeking... so much so, that he sought out an opportunity to betray Jesus for his own benefit. **He didn't fall into this sin**, but he pridefully sauntered into this evil meeting with the religious leaders looking for a way to make personal gain.

And yet, Jesus still invited him to this Passover table where many powerful things would happen... including a personal confrontation from Jesus. Jesus already knew what Judas had done, but I believe He lovingly invited him to the table to give Judas an opportunity for a way out of the sin into which he had willingly entangled himself. He basically said, *"Judas, I know what you have done, but you don't have to continue in that way, you don't have to follow through with it."*

And what was Judas response? Denial and resistance to Jesus' confrontation... a hard heart pridefully bent toward his own way. Later we will find that the sorrow Judas faces after his plan comes to fruition is too much for him to bear, bringing about his own death.

This is such tragedy. A tragedy we can't undo, but one we should definitely learn from. Jesus has lovingly given us an open invitation to fellowship in the communion meal with Him. And as we do, there will be moments where He is painfully aware of our prideful ways of sin. So, as we fellowship with Him, He will lovingly confront us toward places of repentance. And what will be our response? Denial, resistance, a hard heart bent on our own way... or a yielding heart, a teachable heart, a heart willing to make changes where needed.

Yes, there will be times where we are caught up in our prideful sin and Jesus will lovingly correct us in order to rescue us from ourselves. May we be willing to yield to Jesus and step into powerful moments of His love and redemption.

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Jesus, thank You for Your invitation to the table. I don't take that invitation lightly. And I will embrace all the powerful conversation we share there... including the moments of correction. Keep my heart soft that I may always have a yielding heart toward You and what You say to me.

