

Communion is...

Communion is perspective... perspective to see God's faithfulness to fulfill all of His promises...

Read Matthew 27:1

One of my favorite promises in Scripture is found in Lamentations 3:22-23. It says, ***"The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail, they are new every morning, great is Thy faithfulness."*** There is something so assuring about knowing that we wake up every morning to a new measure of God's, kindness, compassion and faithfulness. As each new day dawns, I often remind myself of this promise.

Keeping that in mind, read the words from Matthew 27:1 again which describe the morning after Jesus was arrested... ***"Now when morning had come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death..."***

That doesn't sound like a new measure of God's kindness, compassion and faithfulness does it? No, it actually sounds like just the opposite, because when this morning arose, horrible things were taking place and we know it would only get worse.

But things are not always as they seem. Fast forward to after the resurrection and we now have sight to see that the morning of Matthew 27:1 was **actually the day of God's greatest display of kindness, compassion and faithfulness.** We have perspective to see that this wasn't a morning where God held back or forgot. It was actually the morning of the day that He poured out His goodness in greatest measure over the whole world in the sacrifice of His Son. This morning gives us sight to see His love for us that would not quit!

Perspective. It is one of the greatest blessings we receive when we come to the communion table and partake of the body and blood of Jesus. At the table, as Jesus' brings to mind the events of His crucifixion story, He gives us perspective of verses like Matthew 27:1... perspective of moments that seem to be negating the promises of God, **but in reality, were actually fulfilling them in greatest measure.**

And...that perspective continues right into the mornings in our own lives that seem to negate His new mercies too. See on those mornings at the communion table with Jesus where it seems like all might be lost for us, He can remind us that **even then, He is pouring out His new mercies upon us**, perhaps in even greater ways than He has ever done before...

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Jesus, I need Your perspective. I need to see that Your promises never fail, even if You have to die to keep them. At the table today, remind me of that and encourage my heart to see...



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