

Communion is...

Communion is coming to table with an open heart to receive the answers to three questions: What do You want to show me Jesus? How do You want to feed me Jesus? Where do I need to be nourished with Your Gospel Jesus?

Read Matthew 26:20-35

It is interesting as we read in verse 21 that Jesus says, "One of you will betray me" because, they actually all did. We know in this moment that Jesus was drawing attention to the premeditated betrayal of Judas, but as we read on through verse 35, we also see that He reveals they all would turn their back on Him.

This thought takes us back to the table... and verse 22 where they each one responded to Jesus, **"Surely not I."** How blind we can be to ourselves at times.

As the communion table, there are times when Jesus, out of the goodness of His love for us, will reveal things in our lives that need adjustment and shifting and repentance. But I think we all too often respond in denial like the disciples, **"Surely not I"** and then go on living in the brokenness that He was trying to reveal and heal.

See when Jesus shared this at the table that night, I don't believe His motive was to forego His crucifixion. He was going to the cross willingly. In the past, I have read verse 24 as if Jesus spoke to Judas in anger. But the Lord has since revealed differently. **Whether or not Judas betrayed Him, Jesus would have gone to the cross.** In verse 24 He was lovingly urging Judas to see his sin and change his way because Jesus knew He had created Judas for a destiny of LIFE, but Judas we heading towards a destiny of death. He was going to miss the purpose for which he was born!

As we sit at the communion table with Him today, may we have an open ears to hear what He says, take it deeply to heart and receive His lifegiving nourishment for our lives.

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Lord, I am willing. I come to Your table with an open heart and an open mind for what you want to show me, how You want to feed me and the Gospel nourishment that I need today. **I want to live for what I was born for!**

