

MARCH 23

## Communion is...

**Communion is power.** There is enough power in His blood to cancel any curse, forgive any sin and fix anything that is broken.

## Read Matthew 26:51 & 57-66

**For two reasons, I see such sovereignty in the fact that Peter cut off the ear of the high priest's slave.** First, I know that impulsive Peter was impulsively swinging his sword at this riotous scene, but as I ponder the fact that a multitude of people were coming against Jesus in that moment, **I am quite certain that God had His sovereign hand in the selection of the one person upon whom that sword fell.**

**Which leads to my second consideration here... Peter cut off his ear!** At first glance, that seems odd to me... I mean I could see Peter cutting off his hand as he threatened Jesus with his weapon, or piercing his torso or legs in some way to get him to back off away from Jesus... but why his ear? **And yet the Holy Spirit has opened my eyes to see that He sovereignly was working here too.**

**I know you like me have read over and over again of the times in the Gospels where Jesus says, "He who has ears to ear, let him hear."** See, just because we have physical ears, it doesn't mean we truly hear the Truth. Caiaphas was the reigning high priest at the time, and as we study this account, we find he is one of the key leaders in bringing Jesus to the cross (Matthew 26:57-66). This is heartbreaking because he should have been one of the key leaders in bringing people to Jesus. **The problem was, his ears were closed.**

**As we read about all of this in the Gospel of Luke, we find that Jesus touched the slave of Caiaphas' ear and healed him** (see Luke 23:50-51). I have no doubt that this all came back to Caiaphas. No doubt that Caiaphas heard all about what happened to his slave and how Jesus powerfully healed him. And I am certain every detail of this scene was not just for drama... no this was a last call prophetic Word coming straight from the heart of God to this leading religious leader of Israel. **Jesus was clearly saying to him, "I can heal your ears too."** But Caiaphas refused to have his hearing restored. As I read verses 57-66 against this backdrop, my heart is so grieved.

**And, my heart is so drawn.** Drawn to the communion table so that I can ask Jesus to touch my ears and heal them. So that I can say to Him, "Is there something I have missed Jesus? Is there something You want to say to me and I haven't listened, haven't heard? **Heal my ears Jesus so I can hear You!**"

## Prayer Conversation Starter...

**Jesus, I am amazed at the depth of Your love and the lengths You will go to speak to Your people.** May I always be willing to listen, and when I somehow have closed my ears, as I sit with You daily at Your table, by Your power will You open them again, **because I don't want to miss anything You want to say to me.**



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