

MARCH 10

Communion is...

Communion is the expression of my dependency on Jesus.

Read Matthew 26:31-35

Following Jesus is a choice... and yet, without His strength and wisdom, we will fall away. Jesus told the disciples, ***“You will all fall away because of Me this night...”*** But Peter, confidently said, ***“Even though all will fall I away, I won’t.”*** Jesus then gave Peter the details of how it would happen, but Peter (and the other disciples too) all declared it wouldn’t.

While we can admire their emotional commitment to Jesus in this moment, we have to look a little deeper, because the reality is, they all did fall away, and Peter fell hard! It takes more than an emotional commitment to provide a lasting loyalty to Jesus, especially in challenging moments. **In fact, what it takes to go the distance with Jesus, we are incapable of providing.**

Down through history, even the best of those who have worshipped our one true God, have fallen at least a time or two.

So how can we stay true to Jesus? What does it take? It takes humble dependency! Because we can’t do it on our own. Unless the Lord draws us, we won’t even know that we need to follow Jesus. And once we do choose to follow Him, it also takes humility to realize our dependency upon Him... to know that unless He daily fills me with His grace, power, love and Truth, I am likely to wander.

I don’t like to think of myself like that, and I know you probably don’t either. We want to see ourselves as strong, loyal followers of Jesus, but the reality is, we are capable of anything. And if we don’t believe that, we might already be headed towards a fall.

As we join Him in communion today, may we humbly be aware of our dependency upon Him.

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Lord, I am prone to wander. As much as I don’t like that about myself, I know it is true. And You do too. So today, I am bringing that tendency to wander to You, and **humbly asking You to strengthen me with whatever You see that I need to stay true to You and Your ways.** I know that You stayed true to Your Father’s ways, and I want to be like You.



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