

MARCH 26

Communion is...

Communion is delight. If I can enjoy the same meal at my favorite restaurant over and over again, how much more can I delight in this Gospel meal.

Read Matthew 26:57-58

The places where we walk, stand and sit make deep impacts in our lives. This is certainly true in these moments. See, verses 57 and 58 here turn the corner in this drama of the Gospel. No longer is Jesus telling His followers that this evil will take place, it has now begun. In these verses we see Jesus has been seized and led away to a counsel of the scribes, elders and high priest. **As I read of these moments, the Holy Spirit brings Psalm 1 to mind**, a chapter in Scripture that each of these as religious leaders would have known well.

Psalm 1 begins, ***"How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of mockers, but his delight is in the law of the Lord and on that law he meditates day and night."*** The chapter goes on to tell that the man who delights in the law of the Lord will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water and bearing fruit, but in contrast, the wicked man will not be so, but he will be like chaff blowing in the wind, not able to stand in the day of judgement.

How sad for these religious leaders to know the Word and not be heeding its Truth. The only one delighting in the law of the Lord in this moment is Jesus Himself (see verses 54 & 56). And in contrast, we see each of these religious leaders literally walking in the counsel of the wicked, standing in the path of sinners and sitting in the seat of mockers. This includes Peter. Verse 58 tells us, ***"Peter sat down with the officers..."*** when he should have been standing with Jesus.

In this moment, it certainly doesn't appear that Jesus will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water and continuing to bear fruit for all eternity. And it does appear that these men are establishing their evil ways and having the final say. **But the Word of God is always right and true!** And because we know the end of the story, we know that the Truths of Psalm 1 shine bright in the end! Jesus is alive and bearing fruit for all eternity. As for these men...

As you walk to the table to sit with Jesus at the communion meal today, ask Jesus to tell you the story of His Gospel once again. And let it encourage you to stand and live as one who delights in the Law of the Lord.

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Jesus, do not allow me to be led astray walking in the counsel of the wicked, standing in the path of sinners or the sitting in the seat of mockers. Instead, I sit at Your table, delighting in Your Gospel, **tell me the story once again...**



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