

Communion is...

Communion is the voice of God speaking to me.

“His blood speaks a better Word, singing out with life, the precious blood of Christ, rewriting my history, covering me with destiny.” (Leeland 2019, “Better Word”)

Read Matthew 26:36–46

Within this section of Scripture that we have become very familiar with, we see Jesus deeply grieved, and crying out to His Father in prayer. Although we don’t get to read everything He prayed, we do hear Him wrestling through the surrender of His will to His Father’s will.

In verse 42 He says, *“My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Thy will be done.”*

Jesus already knew His Father’s will. He came to earth to accomplish it, but in His humanity, there was wrestle. And we understand that wrestle. The call on Jesus’ life from the Father was salvation for the world. His was the highest calling, requiring the deepest sacrifice.

We each have callings upon our lives too. Not the depth of calling that Jesus had, but the Bible is clear that before we were even born, He had good works planned for us.

As we look at Jesus example of watching and praying through His grief, we see Him gain clarity in this moment of struggle, saying, *“unless I drink it”* ... and we see Him surrender all of His grief and struggle to His calling, saying, *“Thy will be done.”*

The disciples had a calling as well, “to follow Jesus” ...but in their lack of watching and praying, confusion reigned, their emotions took charge and as the story plays out, we don’t see them surrender and rise up to their calling, but instead they shrink back and fall away.

The callings upon our lives... those works which God has prepared in advance for us to do... will often challenge our thoughts, our emotions and our wills. There will often be grief in the letting go of what we want, making the wrestle between our humanity and God’s calling quite intense. If Jesus had to commune with His Father to line up His life with His calling, how much more should we seek His presence, His heart, and His purpose. Communion is the perfect place to do just that.

Prayer Conversation Starter...

Jesus, I know that You have plans and purposes for my life, which I am to fulfill in Your kingdom, but my humanity often pulls me otherwise. As I commune with You, bring clarity and power to me and help me surrender to Your will in each and every moment...

