



Unleashed Communion Strengthens Connection

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How does God strengthen my relationship with Him through Holy Communion?

¹⁷ On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸ He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

Matthew 26:17-19, NIV

²⁹ Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. **John 1:29, NIV**

God strengthens my relationship with Him through Holy Communion by _____ my thoughts on the _____ of Jesus.

²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?” ²³ Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” ²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “You have said so.” **Matthew 26:20-25, NIV**

²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. **1 Corinthians 11:28, NIV**



God strengthens my relationship with Him through Holy Communion by leading me to _____ and _____ what disconnects me from Him.

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying “Take and eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” **Matthew 26:26-27, NIV**

God strengthens my relationship with Him through Holy Communion by giving me Jesus’ _____ and _____ together with the bread and wine to give me certainty of my _____.

¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf. **1 Corinthians 10:16-17, NIV**

God strengthens our relationships with Him AND others because _____ strengthens _____.

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My next step: I will enjoy the strengthening of my connection with God and others, which Jesus gives me through Holy Communion. If I am not a member yet of CrossWalk, I will take Bible Basics 1 to become a member.

What's your next step?