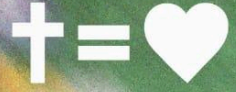


EASTER AT HILLSONG



A PERSONAL DEVOTION

Remember Me

INTRODUCTION

At the Last Supper, just hours before the crucifixion, Jesus performed three simple actions:

He broke bread.
He lifted a cup.
He invited them to a table.

And with these three actions, He instructed the disciples to ‘Do this in remembrance of Me.’

Human memorials usually point to the past. However, this remembrance that Jesus showed the disciples was not simply about looking back at that moment in history - but an invitation into something living. Every time we remember Jesus, we can encounter Him again. The cross is not past-tense. Jesus’ love is present, active, and transforming today in our lives.

At the table, the bread and the cup remind us that His sacrifice is central to our faith. We remember that we are also invited into a covenant relationship with Him and also with one another.

This Easter season in our church, we are reflecting on three powerful symbols from the Last Supper:

The Bread.
The Wine.
The Table.

Each one carries the message of the cross into our present lives and points us toward the hope of the future.

This Connect Group series invites us not just to remember what Jesus did - but to encounter Him as the living Christ again.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Luke 22:19–20 (NIV)

‘And he took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”’

1 Corinthians 11:24–26 (NIV)

... ‘and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.’

**On that night, Jesus was doing more than sharing a meal.
He was preparing His disciples to understand the meaning of the cross.**

His love and sacrifice were shown through the powerful elements of the bread and the cup. These simple elements carried a timeless message that would carry from history past to the future. When Jesus asked His disciples to remember Him, He intended it to be a living reality that would shape their lives, not a distant memory. Even today, we are invited into a moment of reflection when we partake of the Last Supper. In remembering Jesus, we are also reminded that the cross is not just a moment in the past. This is where God's love meets our lives in the present.

SEVERAL POWERFUL THEMES CONTINUE TO SPEAK TO US TODAY, AS WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE.

DEVOTION 1. Remembrance of His Sacrifice

The cross brings Christ to the center of our faith, our worship and our daily lives.

When Jesus asked His disciples to remember Him, these symbols bread and wine pointed to His body and blood that was given for the forgiveness of our sins. **This remembrance in the bible is not simply recalling the past, but a way of bringing the meaning of that moment into the present.** In remembering the sacrifice of Jesus, we are reminded of the depth of His love and the price He paid to restore our relationship with God.

Reflection: How can you intentionally keep the sacrifice of Jesus central in your life this season?

DEVOTION 2. Call to Love and Servanthood

Jesus calls His followers to emulate Him. He laid down His life for the sake of the world, and we can do the same through reflecting that same humility and compassion. *At the Last Supper*, Jesus showed a powerful act of humility when He washed His disciples' feet. In that culture the washing of feet was one reserved for servants, Jesus exemplified that true leadership is expressed by service. This incredible example reminds us that we are called to love and serve others and not about recognition or status. **The ultimate picture of servant-hearted love is the cross itself.**

Reflection: Who might God be inviting you to serve with humility and love this week?

DEVOTION 3. Invitation to Faith and Unity

We can choose unity, when we choose love, forgiveness and faithfulness in our relationships. *The Last Supper* was not only a personal moment between Jesus and each disciple - but also a communal moment. Together they gathered as a family of faith around that table. He prayed for His disciples to remain united and faithful. **Today the table reminds us that we are not meant to walk our journey of faith alone - but through Jesus we are brought into a community of believers.** We can encourage, strengthen and support each other.

Reflection: How can you contribute to unity and encouragement within your faith community?

DEVOTION 4. Promise of Presence

Jesus is here. Now. Still present, guiding us, strengthening us, comforting us. *At the Last Supper* He spoke words of comfort to His disciples. He knew that soon they would face confusion, fear and uncertainty. Yet, He promised that they would not be left alone but that once He left, His presence would remain with them through the Holy Spirit. **This promise reminds us that remembering Jesus is not only about looking back at what He has done, but also about recognising that He is still present with us today.**

Reflection: Where do you need to become more aware of God's presence in your life today?

The Last Supper reminds us that Easter is not only about remembering a moment in history. It is about encountering the living Christ. The bread, the wine, and the table carry the story of Jesus' love from the past into the present and point us toward the future hope we have in Him.

As you reflect today, allow the words of Jesus - "Remember Me" - to draw your heart back to the centre of your faith: His love revealed through the cross.