

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NLT

23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 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." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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Fixating on the Problem

How do you live life in the midst of uncertainty?

Hallways

"When God closes a door, he opens another door, but it sure can be Hell in these hallways!"

Joseph Garlington

James 1:3 NASB

knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

Romans 5:4 ESV

and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

Every hallway experience is filled with opportunities. Hallways push us to understand God's promises. They help us see the future. They give us vision. That hallway is often our preparation for the good things that God wants to do for us.

Control vs. Faith

(John Mark Comer)

Control is incompatible with all faith, hope and love

Faith: Controlling people do not live with a deep trust and steady confidence in God's goodness and involvement in their life. Rather, they are anxious and uptight and on edge. Anxiety, as human as it is, is a kind of temporary atheism, a suspension of faith in God.

Hope: Controlling people are not full of hope for God's future, but rather live in a vicious cycle of planning for their future, followed by disappointment when their plans go belly up. (Disappointment, by the way, is generally a sign of misplaced hope. It's an emotional signal from our body that's telling us our hope was set on the wrong object.)

Love: Above all, controlling people are not loving. They (and by "they," I mean "I") dominate and manipulate and bully other people to get them to behave the way I think they need to behave in order for me to feel okay, rather than love and accept and delight in people as they are, and honor the dignity of their free will.

A Better Way

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
- 3 he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.