DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help you talk about God's word and Pastor Brian's message with friends and family. You of course can use your own questions, but we'd like to give you this tool to encourage Biblical fellowship and discipleship in your circle of relationships. ***Enjoy discovering more about Him!***

"THE MANY ROADS OF FAITH: DANIEL- A FAITH THAT STANDS" |DANIEL 1,6 | PASTOR JASON BELL

WARM-UP QUESTION:

- **What large creature would be scary to face?**

"A Faith That Stands Develops Conviction Before the Crisis" Daniel 1: 3-8

Daniel stands on convictions early on in his captivity in Babylon; allowing God's ways to build an early foundation for his faith.

- **What are small, daily challenges Christ followers face that are opportunities to show their convictions?**

"A Faith That Stands Chooses Courage Instead Of Compromise" Daniel 6:5-10

Daniel shows courage by continuing to pray publicly even though it is illegal.

- **How do you react to the fact that Christ followers are commanded to be courageous?**

"A Faith That Stands Trusts God During The Trial" Daniel 6: 17-17

Daniel continued to trust God even as he was facing execution, knowing that God would have the victory no matter the outcome.

- **Why is it hard to trust God and let go of control of the outcome?**

"Christ Connection: Jesus Stood In Our Place" Hebrews 12: 1-2

Jesus faced persecution and shame. He was executed for doing the Father's will, showing the ultimate faith that stands.

- **What does it mean for you to keep your eyes on Jesus?**

REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Daniel developed conviction as he followed God and His ways. That led to a strong character that chose courage instead of compromise and trusted God in the face of persecution. Jesus is the perfector of our faith because His courage on the cross that He endured for each of us out of joy and love.

- **Where is God calling you to show courage and conviction in your life?**
- **What struggles are you facing that you haven't really talked to God about?**
- **Ask Jesus to give you the commitment to pray deeply so that you may face your trials with courage.**

Daniel

(A Faith That Stands)

Prayer:

Intro:

Weve come to our last message in our Sunday serries

"The Many Roads of faith"

Just to be clear ...

We are not saying ....there are many roads to faith!

(There is only one road to God... and that is through Jesus christ!!)

But...

Weve been looking at how "the road of faith "....

takes different turns in the life of believers!!

(It looks different in all of our lives)

We looked at ...

(Jacob) A Faith that Limps:

How God Chose a Deceiver & Manipulator...like Jacob

But showered him in love and blessings

Through

Working in him.....

Wrestling with Him....

He create a man who learned to depend on God promises

(Samson) A Faith that Returns:

How God used Samson powerfully despite his failures and flaws...

And even though Samson may have wandered off for a time...

We rejoiced to see Samson return to faith at the end of his life!!

(Showing that no one is too far gone for God)

(David) A Faith that Devotes

Despite Davids laspse in morality... on multiple ocasions !

Ultimitly David had a heart that was devoted to God!

But even more importantly ...God had a heart for David

And so,

We now come to the end of our serries

With the story of **Daniel!!**

And its titled...

"A Faith that Stands'

Its probably no suprize to you..

That,

We live in a world that constantly pressures Christians to compromise!!

You may have even felt this pressure yourself before!!

The world often

Pressures Christians...

To "Just fit in"

To "not offend" anyone.

To "keep quiet" about what we believe

Daniel ,was taken taken from his homeland and placed in a culture

That did not worhip his God!

Did not share his values!

And pressured him to become like them!!

It took conviction, courage and Faith in God...

for Daniel to stand strong in a culture like that

But,

(Even though Daniels culture changed.....His loyality to God did not!)

This morning

Id like us to look at three characters of a....." Faith that Stands"

(Our text this morning)

Comes from
Hebrews 11:32-33
Daniel 1,6

Hebrews 11:32-33

32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—

33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, **stopped the mouths of lions,**

Thats it!

all we get from this section is five words

"stopped the mouths of lions"

But,

In those 5 words....is one of the greatest bible stories ever told!

I think every child raised in the church..

knows the story about Daniel in the Lions den!!

(Remember coloring picture / Read Daniels story)

This story has been an example of faith & courage for so many

(For thousands of years)

But,

Before we get to that story ....

lets go back .....to the beginning of Daniels story

(STORY)

The story of Daniel begins in

605 BC

Nebechadnezer & Babylonians ...

Conqured Jeresalem

Took hostages from the royal family and nobility of Judah

(Those hostages included)

Daniel, Sharack, Mesahack, and abednego!

The Boys were taken into the kings palace

Where they would be taught

Babyloinan culture....to help them assimilate to this new way of life!

Which brings us to our first point

1. A Faith that stands ...Develops Conviction before the Crisis

Daniel 1: 3-5

3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— **4** young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians

5 The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

So,

One of the first things King nebechadnezer does...

He seperates out the yong men from everyone else

(for 3 years....they were to be trained in Babylonian ways)

(The idea here is Forced Asimilation)

Lets erase the jewish culture from theses young men and replace it with babylonian culture

Lets get them speaking Aramaic / Akkadian

Lets get them familar with our literature and arts

(And definitly)

"Lets feed them well! "

(Lets get them loving Babylonian culture)

Wine and Delicacies from the kings table

(The same delicious food ..the king eats himself)

And its at this spot where Daniel gives his first ...NO"

(Very Beginning)

We read

Daniel 1:8

8 But Daniel **resolved** that he would not **defile** himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to **defile** himself.

Daniel says...

Ill learn the Babylonian ways

(Ill study your literature!)

But,

Im not going to deifle myself with the Kings food and drinks!!

(Spesicficly the Meat & Wine)

And we dont know why.... daniel says no to the meat and wine

But,

I think we get a clue from the text here

It says...

He associates the food with **Defilement**!!!

Defilement – Polute or Stain

So Daniel says...

Im not going to Polute / Stain myself with the Kings food!

- Possibly because meat and wine had been offered to Idols
- Possibly because it violated Jewish dietary laws – pork?

(We dont know)

(But heres whats cool)

Even though,

Daniel,

Was brought into a foreign land....

Under the rule....of a Foreign king ...

He's already establishing personal convictions.....

(even in the smallest things like food!!!)

(lets remember)

Daniel is a slave ...

And Hes being offered one of the best jobs in the kingdom!

But,

He's establishing

Who he's going to be in this new kingdom!

Way before the" lions den" .....

Daniel is already deciding what kind of man he wants to be!

Many of us

(Read the story of the Lions den)

and we wonder.....

would I have the faith to stand up for Christ?

even if it was gonna cost me my life,

 even if it was gonna cost my family‘s life

(No matter what the cost)

Would I have the boldness to face the lions den?

But

I think

the answer to that question ...

may lie in how strong your convictions are..... even in the smallest things now!!

I think theres a good aplication for us here

A "Faith That Stands" .....

"Stands"

Because...

It's built convictions... before the crisis hits!!

(Think of your convictions.. like building a house...)

A Foundation needs to be poured and set

Walls need to be framed and braced

Roof trusses installed (Larry)

Roof sheathing and roofing are installed

(Much more) - goes into building the house

But,

All of that needs to be built before the storm comes!!

And if its built well ...it can handle the storm!!

But,

(What would happen if you tried building a house durning a storm)

- It would be destroyed!
- It would collapse under pressure!!

It could not handled the crisis

So to help us answer that question

Would I have the faith to stand ?

(I think we need to ask ourselves question)

And that is.....

(What are my convictions like NOW!!)

Who am I when no ones around? (Now)

What kind of man or women am I when no ones watching

Who am I when I have the house to myself for a weekend

Or like Daniel...

Who am I when Im in a far away land? - business trip?

Who are you..

When you're...

far away from the eyes of those who would hold you acountable.....?

See,

Its easy to say..

" I would take a bullet for christ" .....

when theres nobody pointing a gun to my head!!!!

Its easy to say...

"Id stand for christ"

When theres no knife to my neck!!

But let me ask you a question...

How can you expect to make such a mighty stand for christ....

if you fail to make..... small stands daily!!

(Alot of us make these bold claims.....to stand for christ)

But,

were failing at the small stuff daily!!

(For example)

You make these bold post for christ on intagram!

But at the same time.....

You spend the rest of your time....scrolling through inaproprite pictures on instagram!

(you lack the conviction to say like Job)

- "I have made a covenant with my eyes....not to look on any young women!"

You make these bold claims about christ at work

(Ill follow him where ever he takes me!)

But youre also fibbing on your time card...stealing money from your employer

You say you'll die for christ.....But you dont even live for him!

Its those little daily descions .....

that are building your house.....in preparation for a storm!!!

You might think...

little "moral failures" arent that big of a deal....

But your character is being built by all those small descions!!!

Our text this morning...

asks us a question.....

"Who are you ....when your in a far away land?"

Who are you when no ones watching?

(One of the most revealing quotes ive ever heard)

Comes from...

Admiral Lord Nelson

(used to say of the sailors)

"That every man was single ....once they passed the rocks of Gibraltar"

Meaning that..

(Once these men sailed)

Out of the sight of everyone one else...

Away from the people who held them acountable..

(They became somebody completly different!)

Now,

The sea didnt make them dishonarable.....it just revealed who they were already!!

Point is .....

A Faith that stands ...

"Stands"

Because,

It has built Conviction before the Crisis hits!

Now if you find yourself saying...

Im good I got my convictions down

- Im taking my thoughts captive
- Prenting my body as a living sacrifice
- Walking in the spirit

(Awesome)

But,

If you find yourself saying ...I fail alot

(even at the small things)

But,
I wanna be a man of conviction
I want to be a woman of conviction
I wnat to start setting more convictions.....and keeping them

I would say..
there's great news for you. ...
(There's hope here.)

If you find yourself in need of keeping your convictions...

Part of the fruit ..
that the Holy spirit produces in christians .....is self controll!

So ,

Theres aid from the Holy spirit if you want it.....you dont have to do it alone!

(Pray to the father ..and ask him to grant you self controll)

- through the power of the holy spirit!

(Pray to be a man/woman of integrity.....even in the small things!)

Observation #2

2. A Faith that Stands ...Chooses Courage Instead Of Compromise

(As time goes on)

Daniel proves himself to be a man of convictions and upstanding character...

(So much so)

That his enemies say.....

theres no way to catch him doing anything wrong!!

(Matter of fact)

the only way to bring any complaint against him.....

is through.....his loyality to God and Gods word

This is what they say in

Daniel 6:5

“We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.”

(side note)

(What a wonderfull thing to be said about you)

We have no complaints against this guy

"The only thing we can acuse him of .....is loyality to God and His word"

(Weve been working with this guy for years.....)

And we have no complaints.....Except He really Loves Gods word!!

(The only way to catch Him .....

Is to find something He considers holy.....and make it illegal)

So,

(They come up with a plan to feed the ego of king Darius)

They tell King Darius

We think you should....

"Make a law "

Saying....

that no one can pray to their God for 30 days"

- They can only pray to you (King Darius)!

And so ..

(The king is kinda flattered by this law..... and he signs it!!)

(What's Daniels response)

Verse 10 says..

10 When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, ...**as he had done previously!!!!**

Daniel hears that praying to his God.....has now become illegal

And He has another moral decision to make..

But this time it could cost him his life!

Now

(Truthfully)

Daniel could pray in his head!

Hows anyone going to know hes praying?

Daniel can pray standing up!!

Daniel doesnt have to pray on his knees

But he has this custom with God!

Three times a day he gets on his knees and prays towards Jerusalem

Now,

This isnt something Daniel made up!

This is actually something that..

Daniel would have seen in Gods word!!

When Solomon / dedicated Temple / Jerusalem

1 kings 8:29-30

He prayed..

29 May you watch over this Temple night and day, this place where you have said, ‘My name will be there.’ May you always hear the prayers I make toward this place. **30** **May you hear the humble and earnest requests from me and your people Israel when we pray toward this place.** Yes, **hear us from heaven** where you live, and **when you hear, forgive.**

So

Daniel is praying according to scripture!!

And

to pray in another way.....

would be to much of a compromise for him!

And so,

Daniel chooses boldness .....and continues to pray the way he always has

(No compromise .....even when threatened!)

I dont know about you ..

But I find it hard to be bold sometimes!

(Dont get me wrong)

There are things that I can be very bold in...

But there are times where courage doesnt come easy!

(I notice)

Sometimes...

I can be courageous and fail in the same day!

I think of peter..

Garden – we will die with you / sword chops of ear solider

Gates – Servant girl / werent you with christ...../ Cursing and sweraing

"I dont know him)

(Thats wild)

But i think it proves courage is fickle sometimes!

(Courage comes and goes)

But,

Heres What I find interesting..

"That courage ....is commanded from God in Scripture!"

Its not an option.....its commanded!!

We see this

Joshua 1:9

(God commands Joshua to be courageous)

He says...

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Command - Charge, Order

Joshua...was "commanded / ordered"

"Be strong and Courageous"

"Do not be frightened"

How can God command that?

I think because of the next phrase

Because...

"the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

God can command Joshua to be brave...

Because....

"God is going with Him"!!

When you have the God of the universe at your side theres no reason to fear man!!

When you have the most powerful being in all of creation

Saying....." Dont Fear"

Because,

I am going with you...!!!!!

That should help push you into bravery!

I dont know if youve ever watched

(Game of thrones)

I have not – Mixed reviews (Great / Naughty)

But ,

I do know that one of the girls has a dragon!

(On instagram)

- Reels of that Dragon destroying everything in its path!!

(Its burning Houses, Kingdoms, ...it got really mad a throne for some reason)

But

Thats the image I get in my head when I hear God commanding Joshua

"Be strong and courageous.

Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, ...

for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

He's this all consuming fire!!

(You have unmatched....infiniate power with you)

(So why be afraid?)

(In the new testament)

we see a similar command to the church as well!!

1 Corinthians 16:13

Paul tells the corinthian Church

13 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; **be courageous;** be strong.

So

There a command to all of us here.....

Stand firm in the faith...be Courageous.... and be Strong

God,

has always required... his people to be courageous in times of fear!

Now,

It doesnt mean ...

That theres not a reason for fear!!

But,

we are commanded..

To face fear with strength and bravery!!!

But ...

(Heres the deal)

And this makes all the difference in the world.....

What God commands.....He often Provides!!!

So,

He's not saying ..

Just muster up some bravery!!

Grab some strength from deep down inside!!

He tells us where we should pull that strength from..

In

Ephesians 6:10

Paul says..

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

So,

Boldness comes from .....trusting in God Strength!!

But,

Not only does Boldnes come from trusting in Gods strength...

God also helps to produce boldness in us!!!!!

(Through the power of the Holy Spirit)

In Acts 4,

Its says...

That... believers **prayed for boldness** to speak God's Word despite persecution.

But then ,

It says...

After they prayed, they were f**illed with the Holy Spirit**... and spoke the Word of God **with boldness.**

So

Biblically, both are true:

God commands us to be courageous!

But then He gives us the Boldness to accomplish the task!!

A faith that stands....

Has conviction before the crisis

Choices courage over compromise

(which brings us to our last point)

3. <u>A Faith that Stands....Trust God during the Trial</u>

Daniel 6:16-17

Says..

16 Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and **cast into the den of lions**. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, **deliver you!”**

17 And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

So, Here we go

Daniel is thrown in the pit!

And a stone seal is rolled over him!

Danel goes into the lions den .....not knowning the outcome!!!

As he down there...

There's this moment of tension ...

where he's waiting to see....

will God deliever me .... or is this it?

(I think most of us can relate to daniel in this moment)

Most of the time ..

we live in the tension of not knowing what God is going to do!

We pray and pray and pray.....

But we have no gaurentee what the outcomes going to be!!

Sometimes we just have to sit in silence.....And wait!!!

(And that can be a scary place to be!)

(Daniel doesnt know what the outcome is going to be)

(Daniel has seen God deliever !!)

He's been Delievered himself on mulitiple ocasions!

His Friends shadrach , Meshark, Abednego...were all delievered from the fiery furnace!!

(He knows that God Delievers!!)

But,

Daniels also seen God not Deliever

(Remember)

(Daniels a babylonian captive)

He's seen God hand people over to death and destruction

The Babylonians...

- Killed King Zedekiah's sons in front of him
- Gouged His eyes out

(Lamentations)

Describes horrific sceens.....of people suffering from hunger and thirst!!!

So,

(Daniel has seen God not deliver)

And now

He's being thrown into a pit with very hungry lions....

and everything goes black!

(Daniel doesnt say anything in this moment)

But

I love what sharach meshack and abednego say During thier trial

They say...

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace,

The God we serve **is able to deliver us from it,** and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand.

But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

God can save

God does save

But even if he doesnt .....were not bowing to your god!!

This faith that stands....

"Trust God" ...no matter what the outcome is!!!!!

Because,

it knows.....

that God is powerfull enough to deliver me through this trial!!

But,

even if God doesnt deliever me through this trial....

He going to deliver me home!!!

(Gods got me!)

Jesus says.....

(About his followers)

John 10:27-28

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and t**hey shall never perish**..... **no one will snatch them out of my hand.**

(If you are a follower of Jesus)

Jesus promises you ....eternal Life!!

Jesus promises ....That you will never persih!!

Jesus promises ....that he has already preapired a place for you!!

Whether you are delievered from this earthly trial or not.....it doesnt matter!

Because

"No one can snatch you out of His hand"

(Which brings us to the conclusion of the story)

Daniel goes into the pit .....

and in the morning he comes out ...

Untouched!!

Unharmed!!

Not a scratch!!

Just like.... sharack meshack and abednego!!

And its awesome!

God delievers daniel untouched !

(The power of God is maginified)

Daniel trusted in God ....and God shuts the mouths of lions!

(I love that....God should be praised for that!!)

But

Orson wells

Has a quote I love....

'Happy ever after just depends on where you stop the story"

Our text this morning reads...

32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— **33** who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, **stopped the mouths of lions, 34** quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. **35** Women received back their dead by resurrection.

(What a Victory!!!)

(But it goes on.....)

Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. **36** Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. **37** **They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword.** They went about in skins of sheep and goats, **destitute, afflicted, mistreated**— **38** of whom the world was not worthy— wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

(Which brings us back to the other reality)

There are many follows of Christ who were not delievered

Hebrews says...

Some were Mistreated / Persecuted ...to death!

Some were Destitute – Lacking the basic needs for life

Others were Afflicted – Suffering illnesses / Pain

(You might find yourself coming to the end of daniels story)

And youre saying...

Thats great for Daniel...

But,

My story sounds nothing like His!

I cant identify....

with the stories, where everything turns out ok!

Thats just not my life!!!

Well,

Then just keep reading the Bible..!!

37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated

(There are some Heros , who suffered... unlike anyone else!!)

But they suffered,

Still trusting.... that God would bring them through the other side!!!

That God would bring an end to thier suffering here on earth!

Or

That he would bring and end to thier suffering in Heaven!!

(And they held on to that promise)

That on the other side of this life

Was a life a peace and blessing and a restored body!!

(The truth is)

You may not be delievered from every Battle you face here on earth!

(I know that this is so hard to hear while youre in the lions den!!)

Maybe your going through something right now.....

(and you have been placed in the lions den)

And you are praying like Daniel ....that you get delievered!

(And maybe you will!!)

- Dont stop praying for the delieverence!!

But the truth is..

There's a far greater number of us.... that wont be delievered!

When I was 12

(I watched as my Grandma was taken by brain cancer)

And we prayed

and belived

and laid hands on her!!

Hoping that

Although she was in the lions den..... she would be delievered

But the cancer took her!

(But she lived a life of faith.....till the very end)

- She wasnt delivered from suffering,
  but remained faithful to God while walking through it!

Ive watched my mom suffer through

Disease after disease

hasnt found any rest from her pain..... in 30 years!

(Life of dedication to God – Has made pain part of her ministry)

We see christians in Nigeria.....making a stand for christ

(Only to have thier heads cut off)

20 thousands christian killed.....October 2019 and September 2025

But i love what Hebrews says about those who suffer for christ!!

"Of whom the world was not worthy"

Chances are you might to have to suffer through what your going through!

But if you do ....

Know that,

Your in good company!

Many Men and women of faith..... have struggled in a simalar way!!

But they all held on to hope!!

A Faith that Stands....Trust God...Through The Trial!!

(No matter what the outcome is!!)

It trust...

That He is Good

That he wants good for me

That He Keeps his promises

That when He says.. No one can snatch me from his hand....I believe it

That when he say...that nothing can seperate me from his love ....I believe it

Paul

Romans 8:38-39

Says...

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(And that some day He's going to bring me home ....and deliver me permantly)

You want to talk about the ultimate example of someone who trusted in God through the trial

Its Jesus

If any one deserved to be delievered from pain and suffering..

it was Jesus!!!!

Christ is perfect...

Christ has kept every command...

Christ did everything the right way....every time!

(If anyone deserved to be delievered ....it was christ!!!)

If anyone could say...

"Im a good person"....

"I dont desrve this pain"

"I dont deserve this trial that Ive been placed in"

(Its christ!!)

And yet...

it was the fathers will ..... not to deliever him!

(Isaiah 53)

Says...

"it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer"

And

Jesus knew that is was Gods desire not to deliever him.....

Jesus knew that the plan was not to save him!!

and He still trusted in Gods faithfullness till the end!!

That God is Good

That he loves me

That he has a Plan

That there is meaning in the suffering!

That's why Jesus can say with confidence....

"Not my will ...but your will be done!!"

Thats why I think the last half of Hebrews flows into chapter 12 so well

Hebrews 12:1-2

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of **witnesses**, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus is the ultimate example of a faith that stands!!

No matter what comes our way....

lets keep our eyes on him..... and his example!!

Amen?

COMUNION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Were going to move into a time of communion!

- The trays / set around the room
- Please come take one / I lead us through

Paul says..

1 Corinthians 11:27-28

27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

(Let us take a moment examine ourselves)

- to get our hearts in the right place...confessing sin / think about his sacrifice)

Bread:

Paul says..

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night 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.”

Prayer:

Jesus thank you for your sacrifice

- Lived a perfect life / keeping all Gods commands
- Died in our place / taking on our sins

(We remember your Body)

That was..

Pierced for our rebellion,
Bruised for our sins.

Beaten so we could be whole.
Whipped so we could be healed.

(LETS PARTAKE OF THE BREAD!!!)

<u>Cup:</u>

Paul continues..

Verse 25-26

25 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.”

26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

(Lets partake of the cup)

Prayer:

Jesus

We remember your Blood..

That....

Redeems us - from Sin & Death

Justifies us – declares us Righteous / Right standing

– With the father!

Gives us peace with God!!!!

(LETS PARTAKE OF THE BLOOD!!!)

(Pray)

(Ending)

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God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.
2 So we will not fear when earthquakes come
and the mountains crumble into the sea.
3 Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!