

Computer Generated Transcript - So we're going to continue Want to a series that we started the last week of December and we've just been talking about you know as as we go into this year really taking January and turning it into a time of prayer and fasting I hope that you've joined us with that at some point in time in this month if not you've got a few days left but we're really praying and fasting that God would would move amongst us and I talked about that on December thirty first a dream that I had I'm not going to go over the whole thing again if you missed that you can go online dot com and click on the messages tab and you can listen to that again and you can hear what that was all about but we really I really believe that there is something that is in store for us in two thousand and eighteen and so we want to really launch into this this year this calendar year with prayer and fasting and again I want to encourage you to do that take some time pray fast do those things that Jesus said it like this when you pray right and Jesus said it like this when you fast Jesus just assumed that we would be doing those things as followers of God right when he when he's talking about he just assume if you have questions about fasting and I understand that there are people in this church ranging from people who were born in a church pew and I'm sure it was a pew if it was eighty years ago OK like you were born into that you know and there are some of you who this is maybe your first time in church ever maybe it's your first time in church for the last decade and there's everything in between all right and so if you don't know what fasting looks like what that means how that works please come and talk to me I'm not I'm not going to give a big teaching on that every week but I want to encourage you to do that and I want to I want to help you with that so if you have questions about what that looks like please come and talk to have been able to have several conversations already with several of you about fasting and that is that is a cool thing to me and we can go ahead and continue that but we've been talking about this idea of prayer in fact. And for the last couple of weeks we've been talking specifically about a couple of Paul's what are referred to as his prison prayers all right and they're called that because he wrote them down while he was in prison and then sent them to churches All right we talked about one in full Libyans and we talked about one infusions that almost did not come out for Libyans and infusions and that's that's so we talk about those two And today we're not going to be talking about a prison prayer we're going to be talking about one of Jesus's prayers and it's a little lengthier than the ones that we've been talking about but I really want to highlight a few of these things so you can turn to John Chapter seventeen in your Bibles that's where we're going to be today I'm not quite there yet but I know some of you like a lot of extra lead time to get there because it takes a little longer to find things John Chapter seventeen is where we're going to be if you've got a phone with you and you didn't bring your Bible you can use the log OS app or the you version app Those are both free very high quality apps that are available for available for both major both major O.-S. as that are out there all three actually and you can you can get those apps I'm going to read out of the New Living Translation when I get there if you get to pick a translation and you want to see the same words I do but before we get there I just want to go back for a second and I want to talk about Paul's prison prayers and one of the things that you see this this emphasis towards him both of these churches that he wrote into in the fusions and Flippy and that's the town of F. assistant Philip I He writes to these established churches these churches that have been that have been around for thirty forty years by that time OK and he writes that many talks to them about maturity he talks to them about he prays these prayers that they would mature in their faith and the reason that I bring up how old those churches were is because it doesn't matter if you've been doing this thing called Christianity for fifty or sixty years you can still mature in your faith it doesn't matter if you just started today or you haven't started yet what we want to pray for you is that you will mature in your faith that you will grow in it that you will take those next steps and there's always room to grow until you can say yeah I am sinless just like Jesus. There is room for you to grow and I don't think any one of you are there yet OK And so I want to encourage you today that there is room to go these are prayers for maturity their prayers that they would grow in wisdom their prayers that they would grow in understanding there is prayers that they would experience the love of Jesus Christ and it would engage their minds not just their emotions he praises kind of things he prays that they would have

depth that they would understand what God is talking about and these things are there so much important things and again in the way that we've been talking about this is this is my prayer for our church as we are launching into this year as we're going through it this is what I'm praying for you as an individual this is what I'm praying for us as a collective body a collective church here is that we would grow in maturity and grow in our faith in Jesus Christ and I hope that you have been praying some of these same things all right so John Chapter seventeen Jesus knows he's moments from the cross all right Jesus knows that it is it is time it's coming actually if you read the next chapter if you flip over to John Chapter eighteen you will see the whole process of Jesus's death begins right there all right and so Jesus knows I mean this is the last chance he really has to just stand in front of his disciples before his death and pray over them and this is recorded for us that we can see this prayer of this last prayer that he prays for the disciples before they die and you know what's really awesome and you're going to see it as we go through that is he didn't just pray for His disciples He prayed for you Jesus prayed out loud for you all right and the reason I can say he prayed out loud is because John wouldn't have known what to write down if Jesus hadn't been praying out loud all right if you just been quiet they would have known what he said all right but he prayed for you and in John Chapter seventeen All right so we're going to start in verse one to read this whole chapter I know it's a lot stickier deep breath and stretch because I don't you fall asleep during the section OK John Chapter seventeen where a start in verse one after saying all these things Jesus looked up to heaven and said Father the hour come glorify your son the hour is come means I'm going to die soon tonight it's going to start OK The hour has come glorify your son so he can give you glow so he can give glory back to you for you have given him authority over everyone he gives eternal life to each one you have given him and this is the way to have eternal life to know you the only true God and Jesus Christ the one you sent to Earth I brought glory to you here on Earth by completing the work you gave me to do now Father bring me into the glory we shared before the world began verse six I have revealed you true I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world they were always yours you gave them to me and they have kept your word now they know that everything I have is a gift from you for I have passed on to them. The message you gave me they accepted it and know that I came from you and they believe you sent me my prayer is not for the world but for those you have given me because they belong to you all who are mine belong to you and you have given them to me so they bring me Glory now I am departing from the world they are staying in this world but I am coming to you Holy Father you have given me your name now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are during my time here I protected them by the power of the name you gave me I guarded them so that not one was lost except the one headed for destruction as the Scriptures foretold verse thirteen now I am coming to you I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy I have given them your word in the word in the world hates them because they do not belong to the world just as I do not belong to the world I'm not asking you to take them out of the world but to keep them safe from the evil one they do not belong to this world any more than I do make them holy by your truth teach them your word which is truth just as you send me into the world I am sending them into the world and I give myself as a Holy Sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your true I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in Me through their message I pray that they will be all one just as you and I are one as you are in Me Father and I am in you and may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me verse twenty two I have given them the glory you gave me so they may be one as we are one I am in them and you are in me may they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me Father I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began oh righteous father the world doesn't know you but I do and these disciples know you sent me I have revealed you to them and I will continue to do so then your love for me will be in them and I will be in them. I mean I could literally take the next five or six weeks and just talk about this prayer and not run out of things to say I mean it's one of those prayers that there are so many

things I could pull out of here for you and we could really study and and we can all do we could do those things but I'm just going to look at something that's kind of kind of you know as an overview of this thing when I was in Bible College one of the things they taught us is to find the prayers of Jesus and pray them personally to go find them and to pray them as as a personal prayer and I think that's pretty good practice right I mean I think most of us would say that if we're praying like Jesus would probably pray and some some healthy things OK but there's one verse that I think is really interesting if you're going to pray the prayers of Jesus and we're going to get into the meat of this in a second but I want you to look at verse one of this and I want you to just replace Jesus's thought right with Jesus being the one who's praying with you I want you to think of this as you would be praying after saying these things Jesus looked up to heaven and said Father the hours come glorify your son so he can give glory back to you if we pray that how uncomfortable does that make you as a church person if you're not a church person you probably have no idea what I'm talking about but we really excel in the church sometimes in false modesty OK like we're not allowed to say that we're good at stuff because that's somehow pride we're not allowed to admit that God may have given us a gift because for us to admit that God gave us a gift is to be prideful of the gift right and so to say something like glorify me so that I can bring glory to you probably just made you squirm because you home brewers are going to glorify me because that's pretty pro out isn't it it's pretty prideful but what's the heart of this whole thing Jesus isn't saying make me great so I'm awesome Jesus says make me great so I can point more people back to how great you are and I think that that's OK for you to pray I think that's a mature prayer to say God give me influence so that I can point people back to you we're not talking about God make me famous That's not what I'm talking about this isn't like God let me be the next celebrity that's famous for fifteen seconds that's not what we're talking about God give me influence so that I may use that influence to point people back to you that's a mature prayer but it's probably one that makes several of you squirm that's OK It's all right sometimes our faith should make us a little uncomfortable but this is not taking something and trying to make the Bible says that you know make the Bible say something that it doesn't this is the prayer of Jesus and His glory the glory that he's referring to and what what's the glory he's headed to the cross that's where he's headed that's the context so Jesus isn't like yeah gee that's just give me to ease and plenty. And then I can point people back to you Jesus is saying what's about to happen is a big deal give me Glory give me influence that I can use even this to point people back to you that is that is a prayer that as a mature person of faith praying that prayer and I want to encourage you to really let that sink in all right and you can drop all the way down to verse chapter five to fifteen I mean there's a lot that I could be talking about ahead of that but that's really where I want to drop down because I really think there's a lot of stuff in here that we can get our heads around and we can see what Jesus praying again Jesus knows he's moments from this beginning if you look at Chapter eighteen somebody who's still got your Bible open you look at Chapter eighteen what's what what's the next thing that happens to be trail of Jesus that next heading is probably like the arrest of Jesus or Judases be trail or whatever your Bible says for it's heading right there that's the next thing that happens all right Jesus is is I mean he is that close to this whole process beginning and he starts to pray these things for His disciples all right verse fifteen I'm not asking they're asking you to take them out of the world but to keep them safe from the evil one Jesus knew what was coming Jesus knew that he wasn't the only one that wasn't going to give his life for this cause right I mean Jesus dies the next day right I mean he is crucified the next day this whole trial process begins this night he's betrayed he's beaten he has all of these things happen and by the end of the next day he's in a tomb all right and he knows that he's not going to be the only one and he doesn't pray God keep him safe from everything wrong that could ever happen he says God I'm not asking you to remove them from this world I'm just asking you them. I'm asking you to keep them safe from the evil one to not let them loose faith to keep them on the path that they have been set on no matter what's coming Jesus knew that the world needed his followers to proclaim the faith I mean we've talked about this before have you ever thought how I hesitate to use the word ridiculous but it would be viewed in as ridiculous in any context outside of Jesus have you ever thought about how

strange a plan it was for Jesus to come to this earth to live for thirty years in relative obscurity right I mean he's a he's a carpenter from a backwater town that most people don't even think highly of what good can come out of Nazareth right I mean like Jesus is a is no one from nowhere for thirty years and then in the last three years of his life he starts to teach and perform miracles and all of these things that happened and he picks in the last eighteen months twelve doods to follow him wherever he goes and no twelve people are no ones from nowhere the only real I mean maybe Nathaniel was educated you get some of the feeling from that if you look into the New Testament you know and then obviously Paul who Jesus speaks to after he's dead and comes back to life he deals with Paul then but really he picked twelve dude's from nowhere who were not the brightest bulbs in the box right who who went through all the stuff and for eighteen months he taught them many walk with them and then when he died he's like all these eighteen these twelve guys they got it eighteen months of preparation this is my plan to spread the gospel for all history throughout the world right like if you're trying to make a business model that eighteen months after you start a business you you know it's going to impact the world would you just go grab twelve people that weren't the best at what they do and be like this is my game plan for this company to spread the word you know to change the world after twelve months it's really it's ridiculous in any other context. But Jesus says this is the plan I'm not praying that they be removed from this earth God I'm praying that you keep them on this path you protect them from the evil one you keep them headed the same direction in faith because they're going to experience a lot of things that are going to cause them to question things keep them safe from the evil one verse seventeen make them a holy by your truth show them your word which is truth how how are we holy I'm asking the question how is holiness what is what does that mean what does it look like there was a time in the sixty's seventy's and early eighty's and maybe even today where people tried to to make holiness about following certain rules a certain way right if you did enough of these things and not enough of these things then you're holy and they even called it the Holiness movement which is laughable to me because it wasn't about holiness at all it was about following rules and looking good OK how does the Bible teaches Where does holiness come from it's right here in this portion of Scripture what is what is it it's being filled with the truth of God being filled with who he is and the truth of His Word make them holy by your truth teach them your word which it is true holiness is not about following a certain set of regulations you could try and regulate holiness all you want they tried in the Old Testament it didn't work they added a couple hundred new rules before they got to the New Testament so they took all the Old Testament rules out of about four or five hundred and said if you just do all one thousand of these things correctly you're holy and Jesus companies like that is that has that is not what holiness is about being filled with God's truth living the way his his word teaches us that's where we begin to find truth. Verse eighteen just as you said me into this world I'm sending them into the world and I give myself as a Holy Sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by are true so there's couple parts of this where is holiness found in truth and in the sacrifice of Jesus Jesus gave himself as a sacrifice so that we could be made holy by God's truth you know what you can't earn holiness just like you can't earn salvation you can be holy because Jesus is in you and he is holy but you will never attain perfection this side of heaven you won't you can pretend all you want but that's all it really is instead we're full of Jesus we're full of His truth and through his sacrifice we can find holiness it's important to note that all of that really hinges on the fact that we are being sent to the world right one of the things that happens especially one of the things that happened as a byproduct of that Holiness movement that I referred to earlier is churches became like little Bunkers right where only people who looked a certain way and follow the rules the rules correctly were welcome right and if you didn't fit that mold you can't be part of the club and instead of reaching out it was all about in and somehow the church through that time and I grew up in a church like this I know I wasn't in the meat of it but my church held onto it for longer than some that I grew up in and so it wasn't about reaching out they talked a lot about reaching out but that was never the focus unless you wanted to talk about telling people how to live their life exactly and then somehow expecting that to make a difference it wasn't about Jesus it was about your own personal

standing at least in the church I grew up in but we're called to go and reach this world. They are sent just as you sent me verse twenty here's where Jesus prays for you all right Jesus prays for you I am praying not only for these disciples so he lets He lets us know that all of these prayers there are not just for the twelve I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in Me through their message that's you because Jesus is ridiculous plan worked surprise surprise the Son of God made a plan that would be ridiculous in any other context but he knew exactly what he was doing because he's God and these people spread the message of God generation by generation one is taking it up and spread it want to take it up and spread it and you are here today through the message of the gospel that the that the apostles began to preach and listen so Jesus says that he prays not only for them but for any who will ever believe in Me through their message that you Jesus is praying these things for you verse twenty one I pray that they will be one just as you and I are one as you are in Me Father and I am in you I don't know if you've ever paid attention but if you've ever read the four gospels you'll see that unity is a big deal not uniformity there's a difference between unity and uniform and Jesus doesn't pray that everyone will be the exact same person you don't have to look like me to somehow be part of the club aren't you glad for that no matter what the pictures are online of our staff dressing like each other you don't have to look like me to somehow be a part of this your life doesn't have to be just like mine. We're bound by a few similarities we love Jesus we believe in His Word but God gave me different gifts and he gave you and he gave you influence with different people than he gave me and he needs you to be you and me to be me and both of us to submit that to him and allow that to change the world it's not about uniformity but it's about unity and it's repeated over and over and over again through the New Testament look at verse twenty three I am in them and you are in me may they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me Jesus says that our unity is what will tell the world that God sent us and that he is in us our unity that doesn't mean let me just stop a few thoughts in your tracks. That doesn't mean that we need to be exactly like each other again doesn't mean that you need to believe everything exactly like I do it doesn't mean that you need to believe everything like that now you don't have to be the same to be in unity one of the things I love about this town is that for the most part the churches are in great unity and people can talk about this one or that want to this or that but the pastors I'm a part of a pastor's prayerful ship we get together once a month to plan events to pray together to do all those things and I don't think most people understand how unique that is that a group of churches get together and pray because even though we don't all agree on everything we agree on the main things Jesus is the Son of God Jesus is the way to God and the Bible is the inspired word of God and as long as we can agree on those three things we will work together to reach this community we don't all have to be the same to be in unity OK but we agree on those major by the way those are like that's what makes you an evangelical All right those three core values that's what makes it an evangelical church or makes you an evangelical those are the three core beliefs of evangelicalism. And as long as we're a part of that we are on the same page we don't all have to be the same to be unified that's why we're able to do things like feed my starving children and have probably twenty five churches from this town alone represented all working for the same and to feed hungry kids all over this earth what a cool day that was that's why we're able to do those kind of things because we are in unity even though we are not uniform but Jesus prays that we would be filled with unity because it is our unity that will show people show this world that we are sent by God and that we are full of Him Do you see Jesus praying maturity for these disciples and for you Jesus prays for maturity he prays that God will keep them safe while they're in the world Jesus prays that God's truth will bring about bring about holiness just praise that will be sent via God Jesus prays that we will find unity as we grow and as we reach this community and then they take him to a cross in the killing you talk about this lot you know last words they're usually pretty important first words and last words are usually a lot of weight put on those things this is the last prayer that we really see Jesus pray for his idols I know you can say you know Jesus spoke on the cross I know you can talk about he rose again and he prayed for them again I understand all of that I get it because the story doesn't end on a cross Jesus

conquers death three days later he rises again and he proves who he is and we're still talking about it today two thousand years later because Jesus is awesome and he does his thing like no one else has ever been able to do lots of people have predicted their death lots of people have predicted their resurrection only one has ever pulled it off and that's Jesus and I know he talks again I understand that but I think there is something incredibly significant to the last time that this teacher. Prays over his disciples and his disciples to come before he chooses to give up his life for them it's a prayer for maturity and it's my prayer for you I hope you're praying it for me hope you pray this for your kids and your friends hope you pray this for your neighbors I pray that you let the call of it sink into your heart we're going to end today a little different I thought it was really appropriate that today happens to be communion Sunday and honestly I can't say that I planned this out because I forgot it was communion Sunday until today but I think it's incredibly appropriate that these two things coincide with each other I want you to hear my voice for just a second we believe in this church that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and He is the only way to God we don't believe that because you know we just feel like it we believe it because that's what the Bible says Jesus even again just mentioned it in this prayer a little earlier he is the way to God and if you're in this place and you've never chosen Jesus I want you to know that it's not a difficult thing to choose to follow Jesus living for and that takes effort you can see through this prayer this is not a prayer that life would just be easy this is a pray that they would grow but to choose Jesus is simple we believe in Jesus and who he said he was we confess our sins to Him we acknowledge we're sinners it's not it's not difficult and if you've never done that we're going to give you a chance to do that before we take communion this morning here's the deal to we're about to take communion we're about to do this we're about to remember Christ sacrifice and one of the reasons that Christ just said he's going to the cross is that it would bring about holiness and us as we experience is true. That that truce would bring about a call to the world and that the evidence of all of that would be unity here's my challenge unity is hard uniformity is actually easier than unity because it would be a lot easier to say I'm on the same page as you if you stop having an opinion and disagreed with me all the time that would be a lot easier right it would be annoying but it would be easier unity is difficult unity takes growth unity requires self sacrifice and I want to challenge each and every one of you in here today if there is something in your life something in your heart today that you know is not about unity but as a matter of fact it is causing destruction it is causing disunity I want to challenge you today as you pray before we take communion as you take these elements to remember Jesus sacrifice and to honor Jesus' sacrifice that you will honor that sacrifice not just with memory but with action if there is a situation in your life where there is disunity with another believer I would shall and you to allow God to speak to that and ask him what your next step can be to restore unity I'm not talkin I don't have anybody in mind OK this isn't me like I can think of at least five people that are struggling in this and that's not what's happening it's simply a call to maturity and if most of us think hard enough we can probably think of at least one what's the next step here's what we're going to do I can get the worship team to come forward I want to ask them to just kind of play during this time and I want to ask this simple question that has a lot of weight to it it's a simple concept but it's eternally significant if you're in this place and you've never chosen Jesus before. And this morning you're ready to want to give you a chance to do that I'm not going to call you up here and embarrass you somehow that's not how we roll I certainly don't want to motivate you out of guilt I just want to give you a chance to respond to what God probably started in your heart before you ever got here and started hearing me talk I believe that this is the best choice that anybody can ever make in their life it's internal choice so I'm ask you put your heads down I'm going to ask you to close your eyes I'm not going to wait long we're not trying to motivate in this way through guilt or anything like that I don't want to pressure me but I want to give you an opportunity if you're in this place and you've never chosen Jesus or maybe you chose Jesus decades ago but all you did was pray a prayer and it never really mattered outside of the doors of that church building. And this morning you want to start over you want to be forgiven by Jesus. And really begin to do your best to live for Him want to give you a chance to do that if there's anybody here in this room and that's you I want you to go ahead and raise a hand and I just want to

pray with you is there anybody in here at all. All right I got you man sir anybody else. All right you can look at me for a second here here's what we're going to do I'm going to say a prayer I don't know where you're at I don't know if you have prayed I don't know where your at I'm just going to say a prayer and I'd like you who raise your hand I'd like you to repeat after me if you're in this place and you chosen Jesus I'd like you to repeat after me well just so. All right. Just so we can continue on in this and it's not not just a couple of people in the middle. Of the whole group so if you're in here and you've chosen Jesus I'd like you to repeat after me as well if you're in this place and you haven't chosen Jesus and you're not ready to yet. I want to know we're praying for you because I truly believe this is the best decision you can ever make We're not about trying to trick people into choosing Jesus it never will work. Until you're ready to really commit your life to Jesus there's no amount of guilt or shame or anything like that that's going to make a difference long term anyway. So you don't need to repeat after us I remember what it was like being a teenager in a church wanting nothing to do with it but being forced to be there and then being told I had to repeat after somebody something I had no intention of following anyway. I don't want that for you there's better things for you than that. I want that stumbling block in your path to when you finally do choose Jesus. So you can sit there and you can be quiet I prefer you not to promising as you don't want to keep. K.. I believe it's best for you. But you have to make that call. All right so if you raise your hand. Or you're following Jesus Akita by your heads like you pray with me all right Repeat after me Jesus. You're good. I'm just not. I'm a sinner. And I need you. Forgive me of my sin. Help me to grow in my relationship with you. Forgive me. Your name I pray. Amen. Was a life changing words have a not because of what I just said. But because of what just how. Up until your heart when you truly been needed Jesus I want you to know that I genuinely believe you cannot make a better decision than you just did this morning. All right so we're going to move to this time of communion. And I challenge you who are in here who are following Jesus to examine your heart. I challenge you this search out. Areas in your heart where you know just unity is lie a disunity is lying. And you know that that is a stumbling block for Jesus to being able to do all he wants to do in your heart. Which is seek it out I want you to be passive and be like God Jesus fits their reveal and. You can pray that that's fine as long as you're also trying to see what it is because a lot of you you don't need to have Jesus reveal what you already know what it is. And what you need to do is give it to Jesus and then take a step to see it fix. That's what you need to pray. So as we are going through this time of communion I want you to allow God to speak to you. What's the next step I can do. To fix this broken relationship wears disunity thriving. Instead of unity thriving. In my relationships. As we remember the sacrifice of Jesus part of it. Just one of the reasons Jesus died right we just read it in his prayer that he was going to that frost to die so that we could be full of truth and holiness. And the evidence of that. Is unity among the believe. She's going to do this you don't have to be a member of our church to take communion with us OK it's going to give you a little bit of heads up here you don't have to be a member of our. Church what we ask that you do is be a member of the family of God just like we talked about with this prayer that just happened if you believe that Jesus is the Son of God. And you're living your life for him. You're part of it man. You're part of what we're doing. You've met the requirements to take communion. All right you have to be a member here we have to be a member of the family of God There are kids in here there's always kids and here I love it. You know your kids better than I do if this is Snack Time to them if this is juice and cracker time I'd ask you not to let them tick it because they just don't understand what this is about. But if they're old enough to understand what communion is what we're remembering through all this and they've chosen Jesus they're old enough to take communion with us there's no minimum age for us here. If they understand who Jesus is that's what we ask all right. So I'm going to read a couple portions of Scripture and then we're just going to close this with communion in a time of prayer I want to ask the ushers to come forward those of you who are asked to do this task account for I'm going to ask you just spread out across here we do this sometimes we take communion. So I'm going to go through this and rather than you waiting so we all take it we want someone to go through the Scripture and I'm going to pray then what I want you to do is I want you to take it back to your seat

or take it some other place in this this offering John can you come up here maybe distribute these things. Find a spot at the altar find a spot in your seat and I just challenge you to pray that God would speak to you. About ways that you can grow in unity and as that's happening take communion to remember the sacrifices Jesus All right take you with prayer take it with seriousness allow him to speak to you it's eleven fifty you'll have a few minutes before you're even ready to go get your kids it's actually like eleven forty five and clocks always fast. I want to give God a chance to work in your heart. All right you can come up and I'm going to I'm going to read this I'm going to pray you can come up and get these elements when you're ready you take them when you're ready I would encourage you to take some time and pray this morning when you're ready to go you're ready to go I'm just going to ask that you keep your conversation back there we built a big ole hallway out there with lots of room to roam for this exact reason all right so that there be plenty of chance and opportunity for you to greet and growing unity out there as well all right we want to keep this reserved for people who are praying this morning right so here we go in first Corinthians. Paul is giving instructions for public worship and he says in First Corinthians chapter eleven verse twenty three for I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself on the night when he was betrayed the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it and then he broke it in pieces and said This is my body which is given for you do this to remember me in the same way he took the cup of wine after supper saying This compass the New Covenant between God of His people and agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it for every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again Jesus. You're good. I thank you Jesus that you were willing to die for me. For each one of us. Thank you for the sacrifice that you made when you came to this earth and took on flesh. That are eternal God. Walked this earth as a man is sacrifice in and of itself but you didn't stop there. You know allowed that flesh to be broken. And ultimately you allowed yourself to die because it was. The only way to get to this new covenant that you talk about through your blood. And I thank you for that covenant Jesus I thank you that it's not some priest standing in my place offering a sacrifice once a year that my sins would be covered. But that Jesus you died. As the final sacrifice and my sins aren't just covered they are forgiven and removed. Let me to remember that day in and day out. And thank you Jesus that that cross wasn't the end of the story. But that you rose again. And when you can do that I don't know what on earth there is that I think you can do. Speak to us Jesus I pray for those. Who are in this place names and situations have been flooding their mind they know that there is something that needs to be happening maybe they've tried things in the past now things work out I pray that you speak to them about next steps. It's not about being uniform. Being unified. Growing us speak to us. Lead us Amen.