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New Covenant “A Meal to Remember” Luke 22:7-23

Introduction

We made it through another year! What is the best way to start a New Year? Maybe it would be forgetting last year, promising to do something different, making a resolution or just trying harder. Or maybe it is just reminding us of a resolution that God made—the “new covenant!” See, you made it through this year not because you perfectly held on to God, but because God perfectly held on to you.

Discussion Questions

1. What do you resolve to change or improve upon in 2015? What hindrances must you immediately overcome to press on in your journey? What promise from scripture will you start with and choose to stand on?

2. In the sermon, David provided a description of the Lord’s Table? What did you find most insightful? How did it help you understand the meaning of the “new covenant” Jesus was referring to? (Luke 22:20)

3. Seven aspects of a marriage covenant were given in the sermon.
 - The groom fell in love with the bride. It started with the groom.
 - The groom would offer a glass of wine to the women. If she took a sip of the wine it means she would accept
 - The groom paid a price or a dowry. We do that in a similar way with a ring.
 - A commitment was made.
 - The groom would leave for at least a year providing a place for them to live.
 - The groom would come back unannounced.
 - The groom would take the bride and they would live together.

What is significant about this marriage covenant in relation to the “new covenant” Jesus mentioned?

4. The 6th step to the marriage covenant was the unannounced return of the groom for his bride. Read Mark 13. Notice that Jesus warns his disciples multiple times to “be on guard.” What decision does each individual need to make to be ready for the return of Christ?

5. What is your plan for the New Year? In what specific ways do you want God’s guidance? Is this plan in alignment with God’s will and direction?

6. You made it through last year not because you perfectly held on to God, but because God perfectly held on to you! In what ways has God perfectly held on to you this past year? In what ways do you feel God will hold on to you in 2015?

Conclusion

As we move into this New Year we can be assured, **God is not only WITH us; He is FOR us!** “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5