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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Luke 13:22-35

The "new covenant" is grounded in a sacrificial lifestyle. Dan did not grow up in the church, the act of communion was foreign to him. Dan learned to take the cup, remembering Christ's blood being shed for him, usually equating it to a prayer of forgiveness and grace.

Recently, Dan reflected on the social aspects of communion. The new covenant is designed to connect with the whole body of Christ and the world. Christ's act of being "poured out" showed God's love to the world. As we share in this new covenant, we also commit ourselves to a life of sacrifice and obedience for the sake of our Lord.

I remember giving communion to our church in the inner city. It was a radical call to commitment. "For whenever you eat . . . you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor. 11:26), this contains a call to change the world. The lifestyle of Jesus: to be "poured out" in love for others.

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