

SADDLEBACK @ HOME

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

John 13:34 — 35 (NLT)

Dear Saddleback Family,

The night before Jesus was crucified, he had one last meal with his disciples. At this meal he broke a piece of bread and shared it with his friends and said, "Eat this, for this my body that was broken for you." Then he took a cup and said, "Drink this, it represents my blood of the covenant that is poured out as a sacrifice for many." One of the most interesting facts about this moment was on one side of him was a man that would betray him for money, and on the other side a man that would deny him in public. Yet, with an enormous amount of grace, Jesus introduced a new covenant between God and his people. And it's through this event that we truly understand God's love for us!

Perfect love desires communion, the sharing of life together, so it cannot be expressed from a distance. God came in human form to make his love visible. God so loved the world that he entered into it up-close in Christ and sent his Spirit to live up-close in you. **Communion is a reminder of God's sacrificial love, but it's also a reminder of his unbelievable closeness!** God is right there with you now and always, no matter how distant, defiant, depressed, or discouraged you feel. God is with you!

This is why we celebrate Communion – it's to be reminded of his sacrificial love for us and motivated to sacrificially love others

Last weekend, thousands of our members participated in this tradition at home in our first online Communion in the history of this church. Many people just used what they had: cheese crackers, pancake bits, and various juices. It's hilarious seeing on social media all the things our members used! Whatever elements you choose to use, may they direct your focus on Jesus' love. If you would like to participate in Communion at home and don't know how, click [here](#).

Our online Easter celebration begins tonight! Starting today you can join us online at saddleback.com as we celebrate the hope and love of our resurrected Savior!

Today's daily encouragement is from Pastor Jeremiah. Click below to watch.

Love you!

Pastor Rick