

# MOMENTUM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

THE CHRONICLES OF JENIAH & URIAH  
#16 - THE LORD'S SUPPER  
CHIPS FOR COMMUNION?





**T**he tray was getting closer to them as it was being passed down the row . Each person grabbed a tiny cup and a small wafer out of the bowl... But when the bowl got close to Jeniah and Uriah, they realized this was something different. They could hear chuckles and mumbling down the aisle as people grabbed their item. It was communion and on this day the church took a lot of effort to decorate in such a way that it was pretty obvious that this was a special day. The front table was covered with a white table cloth.

The communion baskets were shiny as if they were freshly polished. The deacons and deaconess were dressed to the nines. They had matching outfits and the ladies had flowers they put in their hats. It was very nice.

As Uriah went to grab the cup, he noticed that it was filled with grape juice, which was normal, but the wafers were replaced with chips! "I must be dreaming," he said. "Either someone messed up really bad or this is the best day of my life. We get to eat chips in church!", he said, grabbing a small handful of chips and passing the tray down. Jeniah's eyes were big because she couldn't believe they had "snacks for communion." All the while, they kept their eyes on Pastor Goodman and Pastor Johnston. They had a weird grin on their faces as they watched the congregation respond to the new Communion "snacks".

I bet you were wondering why the "menu" changed! Pastor Goodman said. "When I was younger, I used to ask the question, "Why does communion bread taste so nasty?" So today we replaced the little wafers with chips.

"First things first. We celebrate communion because it reminds us that our Savior died for us and is coming back soon to get us," Pastor Johnston said.

- "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

"Communion is also the time to reflect on our behavior towards God and our fellow man." Pastor Goodman explained.

- "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." 1 Corinthians 11:28

Uriah leaned over and whispered, "I never thought about it like that. I just came to communion to get a snack!" "Shhh!" Jeniah responded, eagerly waiting to see how the co-pastors explained the meaning for the chips.

Pastor Johnston continued, "The wine, which is grape juice, is what we use to symbolize the blood of Jesus. The reason we don't use actual wine, is Jesus said that HE is the true vine (John 15:1). He often used many metaphors to explain truth. He said He was the Way, the Door, and the Bread of Life. Just as the bread we use does not contain yeast, which was considered a symbol of sin, we use grape juice to represent the blood of the spotless Lamb of God."

- 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 "Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been \_\_\_\_\_ . Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and \_\_\_\_\_ ."

1 Peter 1:19 "...the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without \_\_\_\_\_ or defect." ·

1 Corinthians 11:25 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."

"Now that makes sense!" Jeniah said. "I never thought about it like that."

"We know many of you are wondering about the bread" Pastor Goodman continued. He was waiting to make sure he had everyone's attention. "Jesus said He was the Bread of Life, but I can imagine some out there wonder why the bread doesn't taste like a cookie or snack. First we remember that Jesus said when we take of this bread, we are taking a part of Jesus' body."

· 1 Corinthians 11:23-24 *“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 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.”*

“Some of you may be thinking: *If the bread tasted better, we would want more!*” He said to a hearty laugh from the congregation. Notice that Isaiah, when prophesying about the Messiah said,

- *“He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.”* Isaiah 53:2

“It is possible that if Jesus were like a cracker or cookie we would go to Him for the wrong reason. We were standing here looking at your faces as the “tray” went around and some of you got little handfuls of the chips! Christ desires us to come to Him because we recognize our need, not because we are attracted by any other source,” Pastor Johnston said.

Communion also reminds us that we are part of a larger body. By participating in communion, we become connected with Christ and our brothers and sisters that have committed themselves to serve him.

- 1 Corinthians 10:16 *“Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.”*

If you recognize your need for a Savior and want to be apart of the body, *without the salty or sugary snacks*, we invite you to partake of the next tray that comes around. The bread without yeast, the one we recognize as a symbol of Christ's broken body," Pastor Goodman shared as he was coming to the end of his message.

The congregation chuckled as the "real" communion bread came around. Jeniah and Uriah took a piece of this new offering and began to understand its symbolism and significance.

"And remember family," Pastor Johnston said, "We are to feed on the Word of God daily. In doing so, we will become more and more like Him!"

The light bulb went off in Uriah's head as he uttered "So that's what the Bible means when it said "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

"Exactly!" Pastor Goodman said with a wink as he passed by. Uriah sheepishly grinned realizing he was so loud that the entire church heard him!