



# A “LOOK” AT THE LORD’S SUPPER

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

## 1 Corinthians 11:17-19

*“But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine ...”*

## 1 Corinthians 11:19-22

*“among you may be recognized. When you come together, it is not the Lord’s supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I ...”*

## 1 Corinthians 11:22-24

*“say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not. For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when 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.’ In the same way also he took the cup, after ...”*

## 1 Corinthians 11:25-27

*“supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the ...”*

# 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

*“body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when ...”*

# 1 Corinthians 11:32-34

*“we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.” (ESV)*

# Strong Language

- **“I do not commend you”** (11:17)
- **“Instructions”** (*parangellō*)—Literally, to command, give an order, charge.
- **“Divisions”** (*schisma*)
- **“Factions”** (*hairesis*)



## Titus 3:10-11

*“As for a person who stirs up division (hairesitikos), after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.”*



# THE LORD'S SUPPER

is Not Ours, But His

*“When you come together, it is not the Lord’s supper that you eat.” (20)*



# THE LORD'S SUPPER WAS ESTABLISHED

by Special Revelation

*“For I received from the Lord what I  
also delivered to you.” (23)*

# Revelation from Jesus to Paul

- Acts 9:4-17; 18:9ff; 22:3-11; 23:11; 26:2-18; 27:23-25;
- 1 Corinthians 11:23;
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10;
- Galatians 1:1, 12; 2:2.

# WHAT I RECEIVED ... I DELIVERED

- *“What I was traditioned ... I traditioned to you.”*
  - Paul’s “code” for Apostolic authority.
  - Becomes a technical term for the communication of the gospel.



# THE LORD'S SUPPER IS

## an act of Remembrance

*“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.’ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

(24-25)

# The Degree of Frequency

*“Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me”* (11:26, ESV)

*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers”* (Acts 2:42)

*“On the first day of the week, when we were gathered to break bread”* (Acts 20:7)



# THE LORD'S SUPPER IS

## an Act of Proclamation

*“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” (26)*



# Proclaim (*katangellō*)

- A bold announcement. A declarative statement. A solemn vow.



# THE LORD'S SUPPER HOLDS

## a Future Promise

*“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” (26)*

# THE LORD'S SUPPER IS

## A Time of Self-Examination

*“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (27-28)*

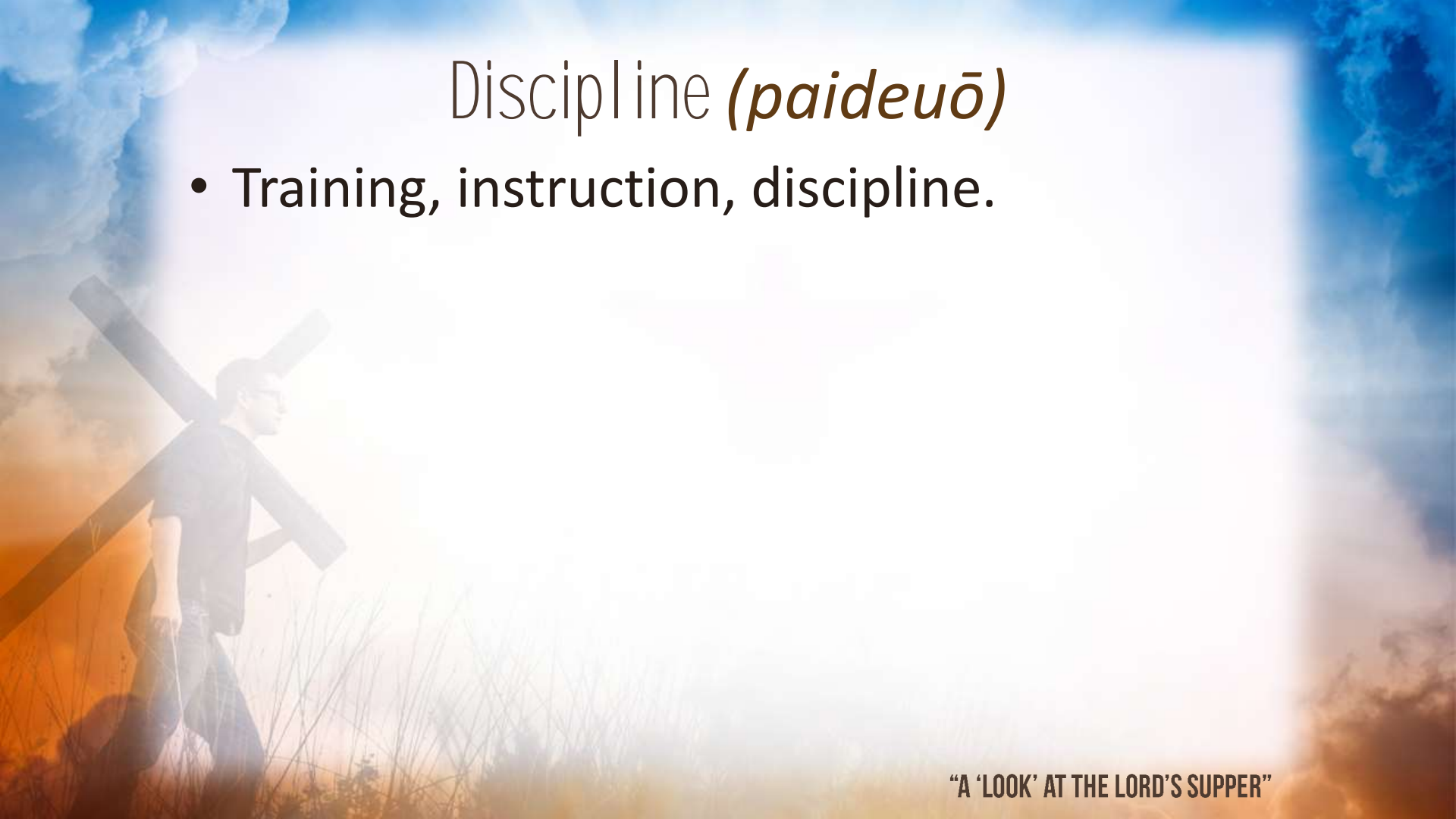
# Negative Consequences

*“That is why many of you are weak and ill,  
and some have died.”* (11:30, ESV)

- **Weak** (*asthenēs*)—to be weary, sick, or in need
- **Ill** (*arrōstos*)—sick, diseased
- **Died** (*koimaō*)—Literally, fallen asleep.  
Euphemism for dead

# Discipline (*paideuō*)

- Training, instruction, discipline.



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*We should look ...*

- **Back** (in memory, 11:24, 25)
- **Up** (in thanksgiving, 11:24-25)
- **Round** (in relationship & fellowship, 11:17-22)
- **In** (in self-examination, 11:27-34)
- **Forward** (to our Lord’s coming, 11:26)



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Maranatha. Lord Jesus, Come!