

**BY FAITH – 4**  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

We've been studying the importance of faith and the place it holds in the life of a believer. We've learned that faith originates with God, does what God says and says what God says. Lucifer, Eve and Cain all attempted to manufacture their own faith. Today our focus is on celebrating the Lord's Supper "By Faith." Our motivation being **1 CORINTHIANS 11:26-31**.

**THE MEMORIAL – 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25**

Memorials are set up to remind us of the contributions individuals have made to our society. In Washington, D.C. – African – American Civil War Museum which lists 209,145 U.S.C.T. who served in the Civil War. There are the Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorials, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial and Museum, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier... When it comes to remembering the greatest person who ever lived, who made the greatest contribution to the world, instead of erecting a memorial, many want His memory removed from our schools, our government and society. No wonder Jesus established His memorial meal among His followers.

**HIS NAME IS JEALOUS – EXODUS 34:12-14**

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:14-22** – God is a jealous God who doesn't tolerate idolatry.

**INSTRUCTION – CELEBRATING GOD'S WAY**

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:17** – It's not how often, but how we celebrate. Their way was not for the better, but for the worse.

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:18-19** – There existed divisions among them, clicks or sects. There are no Bob Baptists, Mary Methodists, Carl Catholics, Peter Presbyterians, or Paul Pentecostals in Heaven. There are no clicks in Heaven.

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:20** - They were so wrong but thought they were right!

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:21-22** – They weren't thinking about Christ or His Body, they were only considering themselves.

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26** – We are to remember Christ's effect on human life, past, present and future.

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:27** – Cain was guilty of doing things his way. They were guilty of celebrating their way.

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:28** – To examine means to inspect ourselves in detail before celebrating.

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:29-30** – Unworthily means in a manner contrary to God's instructions. Discerning means to recognize completely.

- Literally – His sacrifice and suffering.
- Corporately – Recognizing we need one another.
- Individually – Glorifying God in our body. **1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20**
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Judgment – Either weakness, sickness and premature death, or strength, health and longevity.

**CONCLUSION:**

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:31-34** – If we judge ourselves, we avoid God's judgment and chastening. We honor the Lord by discerning His contribution and by recognizing we need each other.