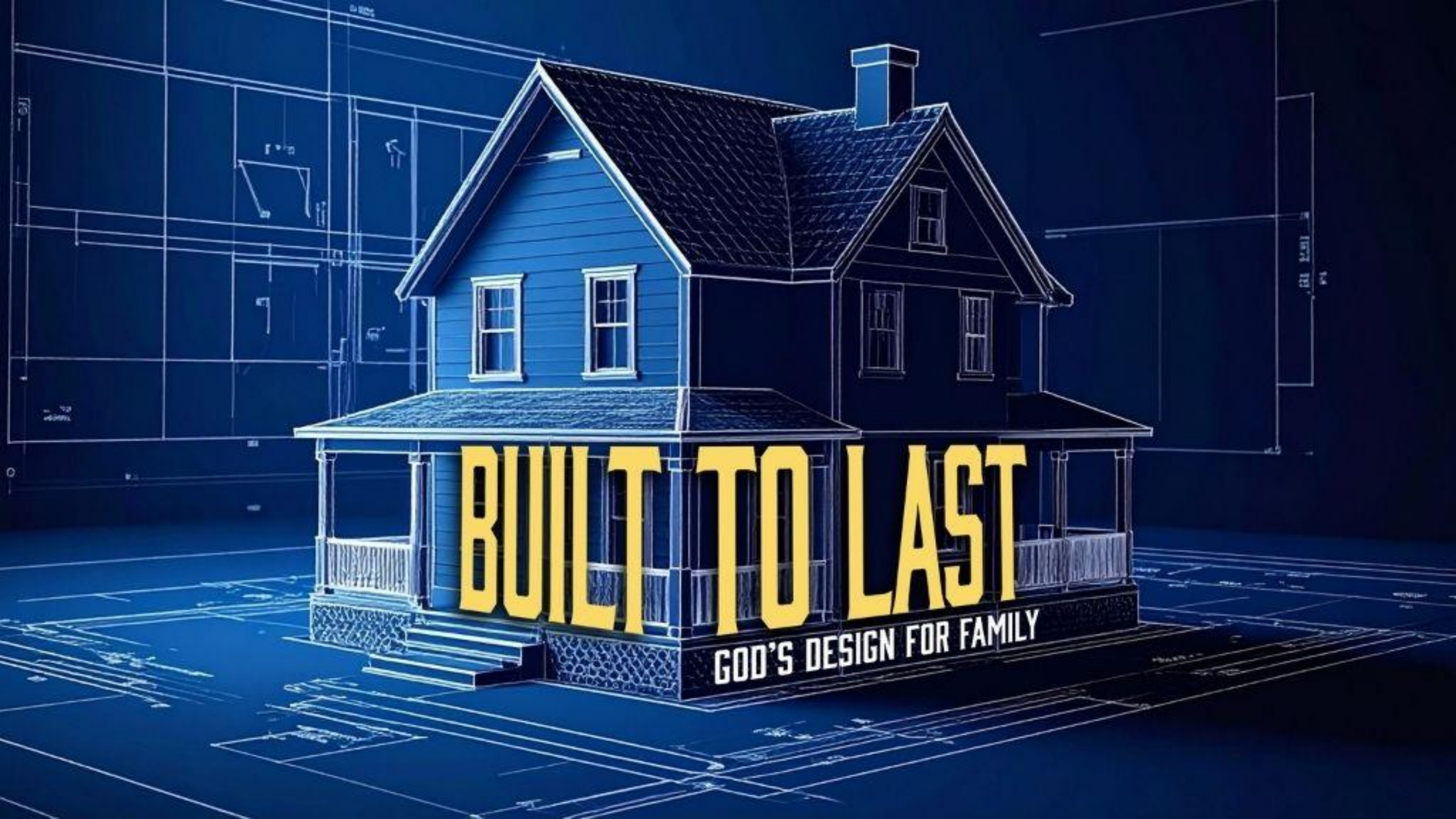
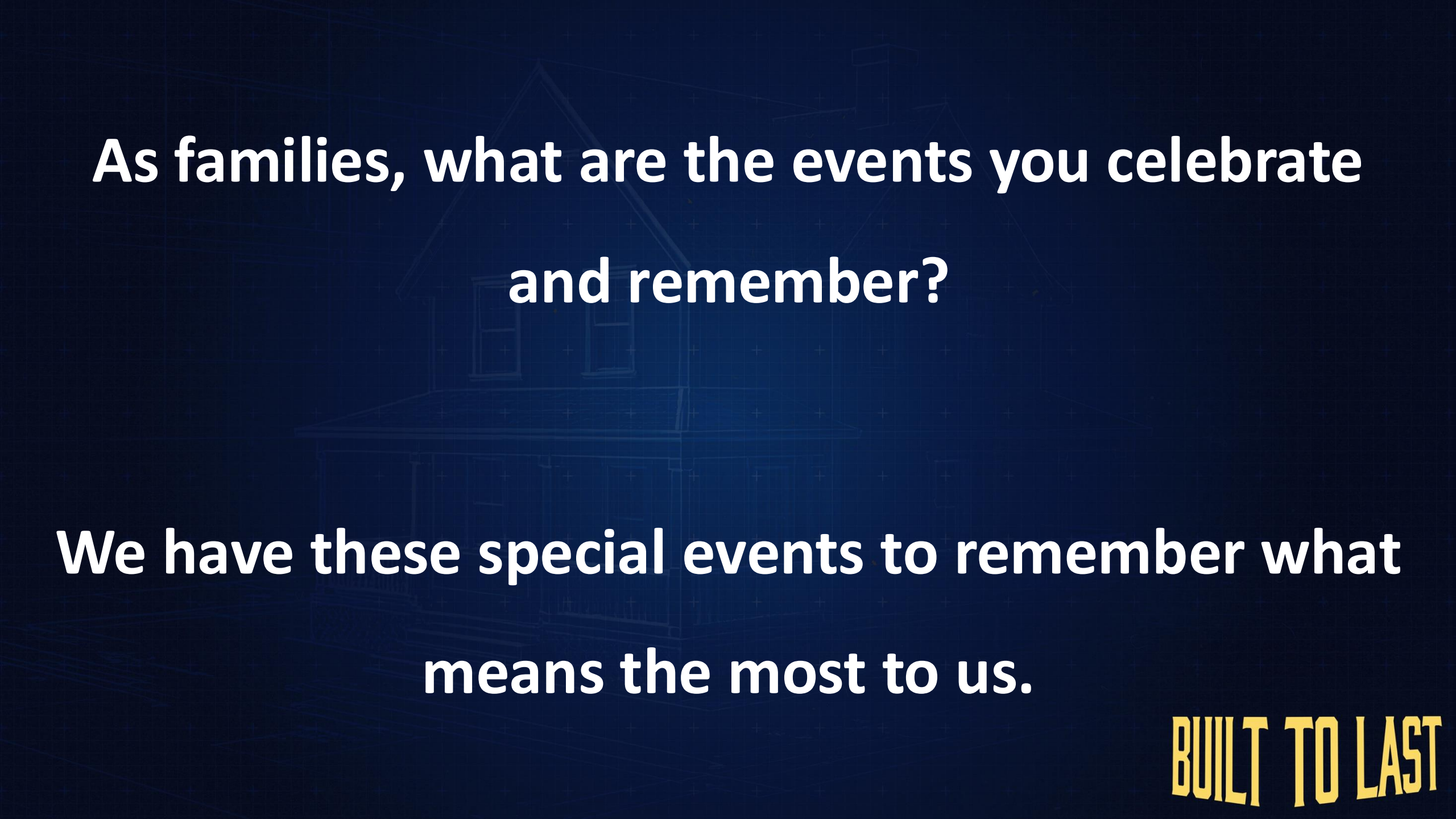




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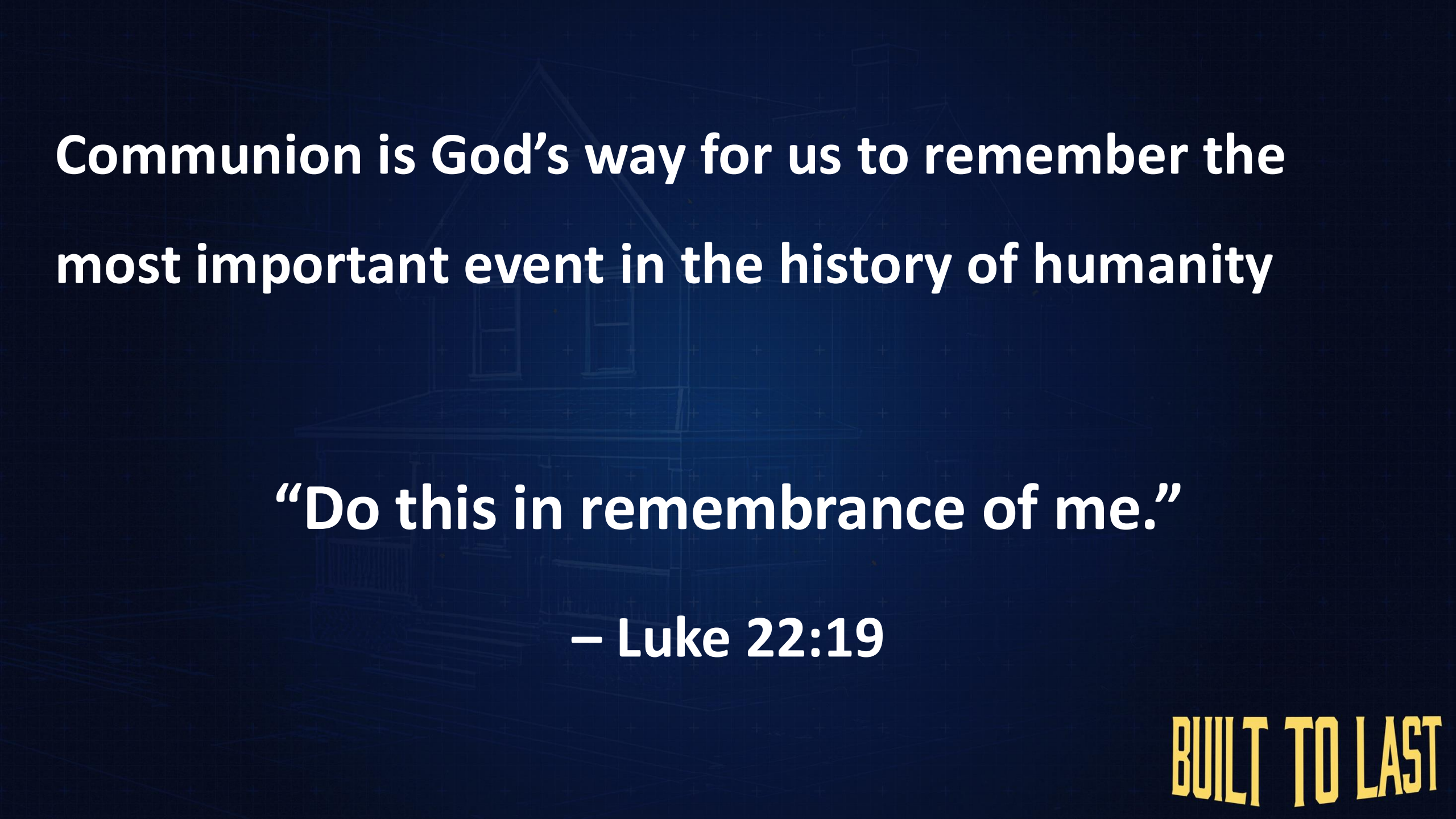
GOD'S DESIGN FOR FAMILY



**As families, what are the events you celebrate
and remember?**

**We have these special events to remember what
means the most to us.**

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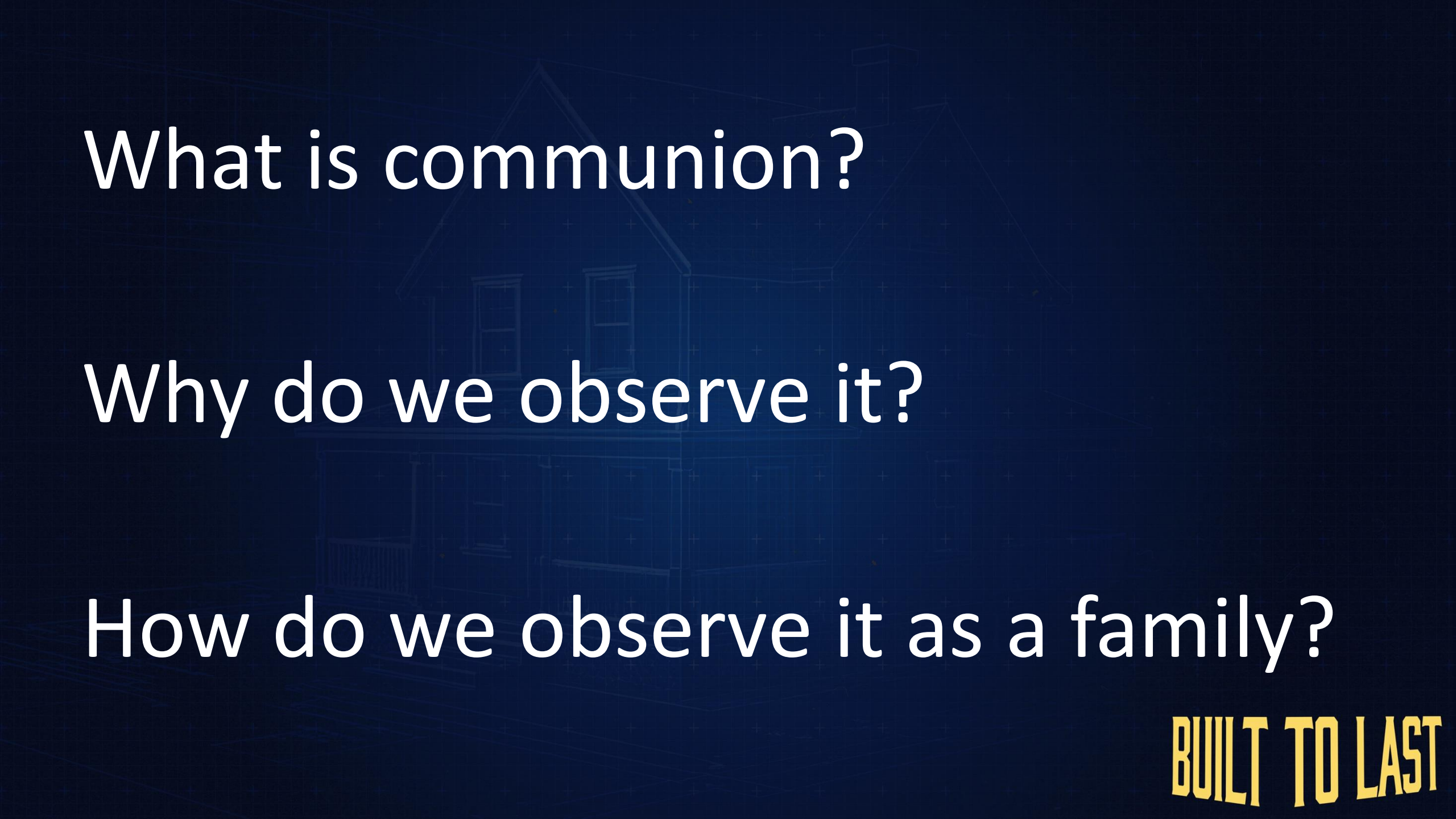


**Communion is God's way for us to remember the
most important event in the history of humanity**

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

– Luke 22:19

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What is communion?

Why do we observe it?

How do we observe it as a family?

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The “Old Covenant”

Covered by shedding of innocent blood as atonement

- Adam and Eve – “The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them” Gen. 3:21
- Sacrificial System – “Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and the other half of the blood he sprinkled on the alter. Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, ‘All that the Lord as spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!’ **So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people and said, ‘Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.’”** Ex 24:6-8

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Connection to the Old Covenant

- Passover remembered deliverance from Egypt and marked them as God's chosen people
- The Lord's Supper, or communion, remembers deliverance from sin

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God gave a command for Passover in remembrance of deliverance from Egypt



<https://www.icej.org/blog/a-lamb-for-a-household/>

Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance. Exodus 12:14

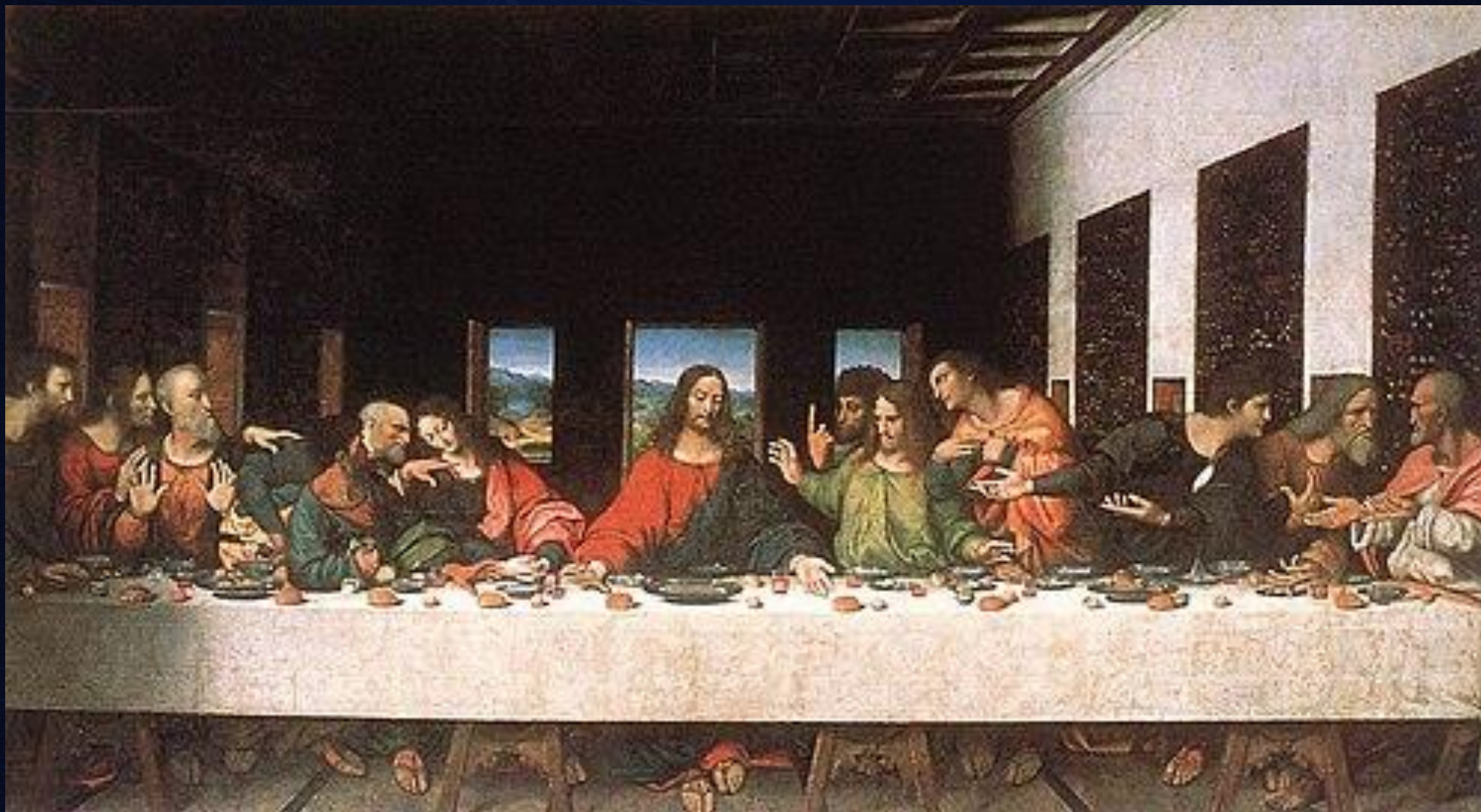
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Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper during Passover

And Jesus sent Peter and John saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it”

Luke 22:8

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Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci

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<https://www.gospelimages.com/paintings/90/institution-of-the-lords-supper>

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When the hour had come, He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes.” And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

Luke 22:14–19

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And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. “But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Mine on the table. “For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!” And they began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who was going to do this thing.

Luke 22:20–23

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The bread represents His body given for us; the cup represents His blood shed for the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus became the Lamb of God whose blood covers our sin. He fulfilled the old covenant and began the new covenant

Communion ties the story of redemption

Exodus -> Calvary -> Christ's return

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Communion is **not**

- The literal body and blood of Jesus
- A ritual that saves us
- An empty religious habit

Communion is a symbolic memorial of faith and gratitude, not a mystical event

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Why do we observe communion?

- Jesus **commanded** it
- We **remember** His sacrifice
- We **reflect** and **examine** our hearts
- We **teach** our children
- We **worship** together
- We **anticipate** His return

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Communion is about obedience to Christ's command

“Do this in remembrance of Me.” – Luke 22:19

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

- John 15:4–5

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Communion preaches the Gospel – we proclaim His death and our hope in His return!

“You **proclaim** the Lord’s death until He comes.”

- 1 Cor 11:26

- Proclaim - καταγγέλλω (kataggelló): To proclaim, announce, or declare publicly

Christ’s sacrifice is the central point of all humanity
for 2000+ years

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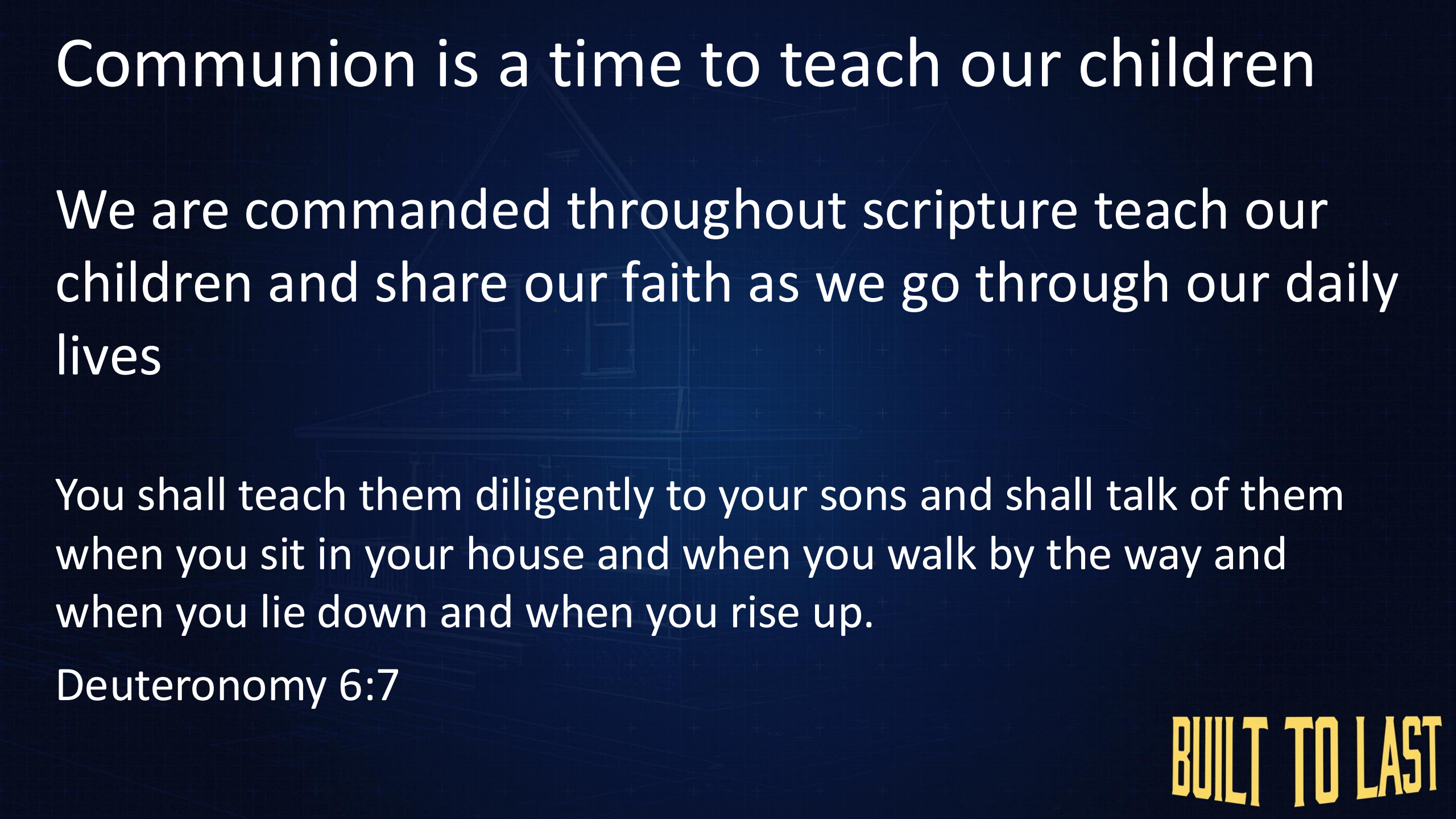
Communion is a time to pause, confess and realign our hearts with God.

But a man must examine himself – 1 Cor 11:28

Let us examine and probe our ways, and let us return to the Lord. – Lamentations 3:40

Look back and reflect on the cross, look into our present hearts and realign, look forward to His return

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Communion is a time to teach our children

We are commanded throughout scripture teach our children and share our faith as we go through our daily lives

You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

Deuteronomy 6:7

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Communion is a time to teach our children

“And when your children say to you, ‘What does this rite mean to you?’ You shall say, ‘It is a Passover sacrifice to the Lord who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.’ ” And the people bowed low and worshiped.

Exodus 12:26–27

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Communion is a time to teach our children

A great example of teaching children about the significance of an event is with the Seder Meal

Just as the Seder Meal is used to teach the children of deliverance, we can use communion to teach our children about salvation in Christ



Communion is a time to teach our children

When our children ask “Why do we take communion?”

We come to the TABLE:

T – **Teach** – We teach what Jesus did

A – **Acknowledge** – We acknowledge our need for Him

B – **Believe** – We believe in His sacrifice and resurrection

L – **Love** – We remember His love for us

E – **Expect** – We expect His return

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Communion is an opportunity for Worship as a church Family

- Observe communion as a Church Family

Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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Communion is an opportunity for Worship as a church Family

- Observe communion as a Small Group

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42

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Observe communion to live in anticipation of His return

- We proclaim our hope of His return, we stay connected, we stay ready

Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming

Matthew 24:42

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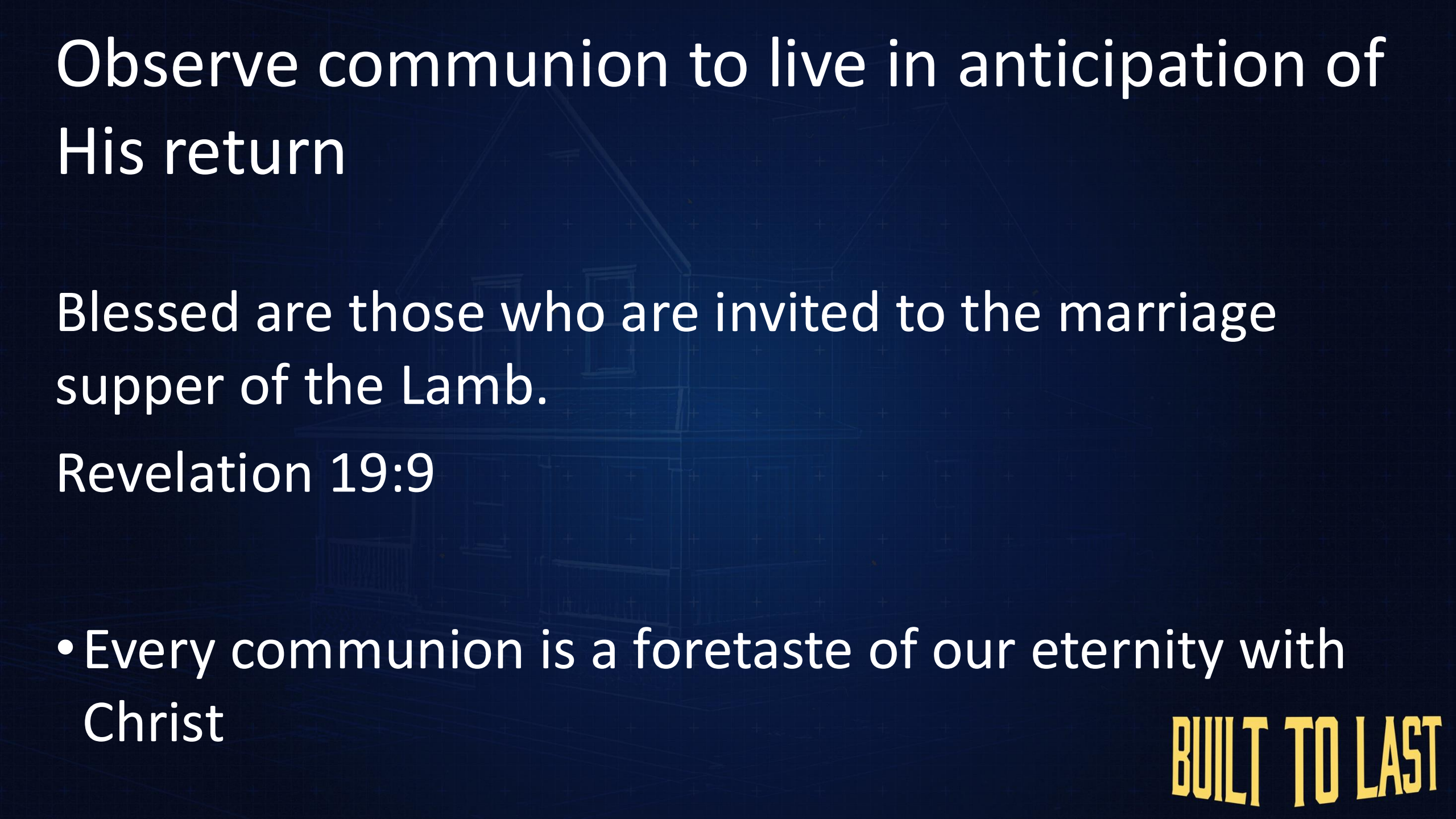
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“But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

Matthew 26:29

- Communion points us to the marriage supper with the Lamb

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Observe communion to live in anticipation of His return

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:9

- Every communion is a foretaste of our eternity with Christ

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Communion is not just a ritual, it's a rhythm of remembrance and renewal

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits.

Psalms 103:2

- Remember His sacrifice
 - Reflect on His grace
 - Teach your children
 - Worship in unity
- Live in anticipation of His return

BUILT TO LAST