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*"Jesus said to his disciples, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.'" Luke 22:15*

Before he entered into the final painful phase of his ministry here on earth, Jesus got together with friends, seeking out this time for companionship and sharing. Thoughts about what happened in that upper room with his disciples undoubtedly went through Christ's mind as he suffered on Good Friday. Knowing that he had spent these special moments with his disciples must certainly helped Jesus through his moments of loneliness on the cross.

Allowing for time to be with friends and family can increase our perseverance potential, too. Being with those who love and care for us can ease the pain when we pass through periods of loneliness. Sharing our concerns with fellow believers can get us through days of spiritual uncertainty. And learning from the experiences of other people of faith can enable us to journey on with greater bravery.

*Lord Jesus, may we gather together with brothers and sisters in the faith as often as we can so that our perseverance might be more potent. Amen.*

*In Christ's Grace,  
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