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- What are we willing to SACRIFICE in our service to the King of Kings?
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- If it wasn't for the OBEDIENCE and SACRIFICE of Jesus we would all continue to be spiritually dead – unable to be in relationship with God
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### 3. Questions to consider at home

1. Are 'Acts of Remembrance' a good thing? Is repetitious remembering helpful? How often should we remember the death of Jesus? Is once a week too often or would once a month or year be more appropriate? What is your opinion?
2. Is 'Obedience' a behaviour we admire in our culture today?
3. As a church how good are we at modelling 'Obedience' and 'Sacrifice'? In what ways might we demonstrate 'Obedience' and 'Sacrifice'?
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1 Corinthians 11:23-26 - 'Do this in remembrance of me'

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#### 2. Talk Notes

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- All of us have just taken part in an 'Act of Remembrance' – an annual event where we remember those who have died in war for our country.
- Paul in his letter to the Church in Corinth reminds them that they too need to perform a regular 'Act of Remembrance'
- Paul encourages them to never forget what Jesus has done for them on the Cross just as today's 'Act of Remembrance' hopefully encourages us not to forget the lives of the few given for the many.
- Nestled within both of these 'Acts of Remembrance' are two forms of behaviour that bring forth life: OBEDIENCE and SACRIFICE.
  - ★ Jesus was OBEDIENT to God, our servicemen and women are OBEDIENT to the Crown.
  - ★ Jesus paid the ultimate SACRIFICE with his life, many of our servicemen and women have done the same.
  - ★ Jesus paid the ultimate price with his life so that we might have SPIRITUAL LIFE
  - ★ Many of our servicemen and women have likewise paid the ultimate price so that we, in this country are able to enjoy the benefits that democracy brings.

##### 2. Obedience

- Obedience is a behaviour we like to see in children but as adults how seriously do we cultivate this behaviour?
- Our servicemen and women are OBEDIENT to the Crown. – They are prepared to go and do what the Queen asks them. They faithfully serve the Queen and they came under her authority.
- Jesus too was OBEDIENT to the Father – to the King of Kings. He was prepared to come under God's authority. He was willing to serve. To demonstrate this to his disciples at that the Last Supper he had with them he took a towel and washed their feet.
- Are we prepared to be OBEDIENT to the Father? Are we prepared to serve him? Are we prepared to come under his authority?
  - ★ Do we take God's instructions in the Bible seriously or do we just follow the instructions we like?

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