

•28“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, 29and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, 30that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.... Luke 22:28-30

- Great memories at the table.
- Funny stories at the Table
- Empty chairs at the table.
- Full bellies...

•Come to the table-

- Issue a genuine invitation
- Make a big deal of their arrival.
- Address the needs of your guests.
- Send them out with a blessing.

•Some of the specific benefits of family dinners are:

- Better academic performance, Greater sense of resilience, Lower risk of substance abuse, Lower risk of teen pregnancy, Lower risk of depression, Lower likelihood of developing eating disorders, Lower rates of obesity, Better cardiovascular health in teens, Bigger vocabulary in preschoolers.
- There are also benefits for adults, including: Lower risk of depression

•It’s no accident that hospitality and hospital come from the same Latin word, for they lead to the same result— healing. When you open your door to someone, you are sending this message: “You matter to me and you matter to God.”

•If you’re at the table you’ve got a story.

• **What’s your Table Story?**

23 “You shall also make a table of acacia wood; two cubits shall be its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height. 26 And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that are at its four legs. 27 The rings shall be close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table. 28 And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them. Exodus 25:23-28

•**Lowest piece of furniture in the house.**

- Accessibility
- **This is a table that has bread which is not out of the reach, or over the head of anyone...**

•**The crown.**

•The crown emphasized the royal quality of the table.

• This is the King's Table, the table of the Royal Family

• **We are royalty!**

• We are the sons of God. Angels can't sit here...

• Those who sit at the table are Kings and priest, the Bride of Christ, heirs of the Kingdom, future rulers of the earth.

• **No one in the family of God should suffer from a self-image problem.**

• **If the enemy has convinced you that you're a nobody, has been, weak, nothing...get back to the table!**

• You sit at God's table that overflows with blessings.

• ***The crown was a raised border.***

• ***They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness? Psalms 78:19***

• **Keeps things from falling off. God can keep you!**

• **Showbread- BREAD OF PRESENCE**

✓ ***5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalms 23:5-6***

• **Many define their life by the enemy they see not the table where they're set.**

• The presence of an enemy is the announcement- There is a table.

✓ ***Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet." 2 Samuel 9:3***

• **DROPPED**

• ***So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually." 2 Samuel 9:7***

• *Gold and bronze fixtures gleam from the walls. Lofty, wooden ceilings crown each spacious room. . . . David and his children gather for an evening meal. Absalom, tanned and handsome, is there, as is David's beautiful daughter Tamar. The call to dinner is given, and the king scans the room to see if all are present. One figure, though, is absent. Clump, scraaape, clump, scraaape. The sound coming down the hall echoes into the chamber. Clump, scraaape, clump, scraaape. Finally, the person appears at the door and slowly shuffles to his seat. It is the lame*

Mephibosheth seated in grace at David's table. And the tablecloth covers his feet. Now the feast can begin.

- **When you sit at a table, you can't see your feet!**

☑ **6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; 8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure" — for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. 9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." Revelation 19:6-9**

•Pause and envision the scene in God's royal dining room... **Driven not by our beauty but by His promise**, He calls us to Himself and invites us to take a permanent place at His table... We take our place next to the other sinners-made-saints and we share in God's glory.

•INVITATION

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•A STAIN TRANSFORMED- The stranger picked up a box and went to the wall. He withdrew pencils, brushes, and some glass jars of linseed oil and pigment. He began to sketch lines around the stain and fill it in here and there with dabs of colour and swashes of shading. The random splashes of tea had been turned into the image of a stag with a magnificent rack of antlers. At the bottom of the picture, the man inscribed his signature: E.H. Landseer.

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•That is the unique characteristic of the new kingdom. Its subjects don't work in order to go to heaven; they work because they are going to heaven. Arrogance and fear are replaced with gratitude and joy.

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