

FAMILY DINNER

PART 1

SO GREAT DINNER DATE

Revelation 3:20 *“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.*”

5 REASONS TO REJOICE OVER DINNER WITH JESUS:

1. HIS PRESENCE MEANS HE ACCEPTS ME AS I AM.

Mark 2:15–16 Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus’ followers.) But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, “Why does he eat with such scum?”

2. HIS PRESENCE MEANS I DON’T HAVE TO LIVE IN FEAR.

Isaiah 41:10 Don’t be afraid, for I am with you...

Matthew 6:25–26 *“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are?”*

3. HIS PRESENCE MEANS I ALREADY HAVE EVERYTHING I COULD EVER NEED.

Psalms 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

Revelation 3:17–18 *You say, ‘I am rich. I have everything I want. I don’t need a thing!’ And you don’t realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich...*

4. HIS PRESENCE MEANS EVERYTHING WILL WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD.

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

5. HIS PRESENCE MEANS I AM LOVED BEYOND MEASURE.

Ephesians 3:17–19 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.