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APRIL 12

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APRIL 10

REFLECT ON THE WORK OF JESUS THAT SET A PLACE FOR US AT THE TABLE.
AVAILABLE FOR STREAMING ALL-DAY AND FACEBOOK LIVE AT 7PM

At The Table by Josh Garrels

Come on home, home to me
And I will hold you in my arms
And joyful be

There will always, always be
A place for you at my table
Return to me

God's original table for us

Genesis 2:15-17

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

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Genesis 3:6

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

legalism
religion



relativism
irreligion

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Genesis 3:23-24

²³ So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Jesus sets a place for you at his table

Luke 22:27-30

²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.



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from *The Temple* (1633), by George Herbert: The Sacrifice
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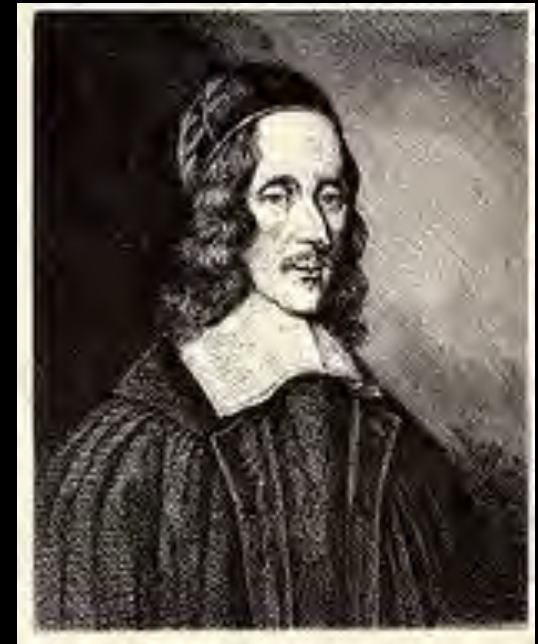
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~George Herbert, found in *On Death* by Timothy Keller



1 Corinthians 15:35–38

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

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~ Tim Keller, Easter sermon 1997,
The Timothy Keller Sermon Archive (2013).
New York City: Redeemer Presbyterian Church.



Friend. I call you friend. Not servant. Because a servant has no idea what his master is doing. That's not true with you. I call you friend because I've taken all that I've heard from my Father and shared it with you.

You did not choose me. I chose you. It's not that you loved me but I've loved you. Since the very beginning.

I am the One who knit you together in your mother's womb. I created you with a purpose. Oh, I have plans for you, for your hope, for your future. I am your creator. Long before the world began, I knew you. You are no mistake. You don't go about unseen. I know your every word, your every thought, your every feeling. I will never leave you.

You've had your share of challenges, of wounds, of struggles, of sin.

It is true that sin deceives you. The enemy tempts you. He know of your struggles and he knows of your sin. Darkness opposes you. The ways of this world entangle you. Sin makes promises but it does not deliver on its promises. Sin lies. It hurts. It harms. It breeds guilt and pain, shame and suffering. Sin gives birth to death. Sin will never satisfy. No, sin will not soothe the wounds you bear. The enemy of your soul will say whatever it is you want to hear. He will seduce you...enable you...lure you. But it's a trap. Make no mistake, he will betray you. And then he will seek to slay you. He is not a giver but a taker. He is not a provider but a thief. He is not a friend. He is your enemy. Don't turn to him. Don't give into him. Don't listen to him and, definitely, don't trust him.

Trust in me. Trust in my goodness. Trust in my grace. I came to seek and save what has been lost. I came not to be served but to serve and give my life as a ransom...for you. For you did I come. For you did I leave the privileged place at my Father's side. For you did I take on flesh. For you did I become a man. For you did I live. And for you did I die.

“I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51) I provide the daily nourishment you most need in life.

“I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12) I guide you like the north star, an exclusive light to orient you - to show you where you are and where you need to be going.

“I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11, 14) At every point of every day I care and watch over you like a shepherd does its sheep.

“I am the door of the sheep pen.” (John 10:7,9) I protect you from intruders who want to break in, ravage, destroy, and kill.

“I am the true vine.” (John 15:1, 5) Remaining attached to me is THE key to your life. You are unable to have life in yourself. Instead, as you stay attached to me, my life will flow through you and you will bear fruit that honors our Father.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6) Ultimate truth is not a proposition but a person. I am the truth. Life is not a set of circumstances or experiences or traveling the world or a marital status or your financial portfolio. I am the life.

“I am the resurrection.” (John 11:25) Death is not the final word. I get the final word. I laid death in its own grave. I’m stronger than death. I hold the keys to open the door of death and remove you from its tomb. Me. Life is found me.

In everything I do, I bring honor to my Father. I speak what I hear him say. I do what I see him do. He and I are one. If you know me, you know him. If you've seen me, you've seen him. If you've heard my words, you've heard the voice of God.

No one comes to the Father except through me. So come to me that I might welcome you in. Come to me, you who is weary and burdened, you who is weak, and struggling. Come to me. Come home. Come home to me now so that I can return to take you home again later.

As you do, I ask the Father and he gives you the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, to glorify me and to help you. I don't leave you alone. You are no orphan. You are not forsaken.

That was mine to bear on the Cross. On the cross, I was forsaken. I was cast out. I did this so that you would never be.

The cross I bore for you. I was beaten so you'd be spared. I was bruised so you'd be healed. I was cast out so you'd be brought in. I was torn down so you'd be lifted up. I died so you'd live. It is finished.

Receive my love. Trust in me. Believe in my gospel. Cling to my cross.

I died. Behold, I live again. Peace be with you. My peace I give to you. Follow me. You are witnesses of these things. As the Father sent me so I am sending you. Do not be afraid. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. As you go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded.

Behold, I am making all things new. These words are trustworthy and true. It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. I am coming soon. The Spirit and the Church say "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come. If you desire, take the water of life at no cost. Surely, I am coming soon. Amen.

