

BREAKING BREAD: DINING WITH JESUS

1. How to Find Your Place at the Table

1) _____.

"I'm so grateful to Christ Jesus for making me adequate to do this work. He went out on a limb, you know, in trusting me with this ministry. The only credentials I brought to it were violence and witch hunts and arrogance. But I was treated mercifully because I didn't know what I was doing—didn't know Who I was doing it against! Grace mixed with faith and love poured over me and into me. And all because of Jesus."

--1 Timothy 1:12-14 (The Message)

"You know what I was like...how I violently persecuted Christians. I did my best to get rid of them! ...But then something happened! For it pleased God in his kindness to choose me and call me, even before I was born! What undeserved mercy!"

-- Galatians 1:13,15 (New Living Translation)

"It is God who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others."

--Ephesians 2:10 (Living Bible)

2) _____.

"Our message is not about ourselves. It is about Jesus Christ as the Lord. We are merely your servants for Jesus' sake."

--2 Corinthians 4:5 (God's Word Trans)

"We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us."

-- 2 Corinthians 4:7 (Contemporary English Version)

3) _____.

"We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again."

--2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (CEV)

"All of these sufferings of ours are for your benefit. And the more of you who are won to Christ, the more there are to thank Him for his great mercy, and the more God gets glory!"

--2 Corinthians 4:15 (LB)

"This is why we never give up! Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever!"

--2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (NLT)