

Everyone served and everyone serving

The line for Jesus is not a line but a circle. Instead of a line of people waiting their turn, it's a circle around You. No one has to wait for everyone else to finish before they have access to You and what You have for them. It is like a buffet where everyone is serving each other from dishes provided by God.

You give each of us a special and unique gift/dish. We can do two things with it.

1. serve others from it, or
2. try and consume every bit of it ourselves.

When we try and consume it all, we have a very unbalanced diet. No matter how great that one food is, it is not enough to meet every need our bodies have. Also, the quantity of the gift is more than one person alone can consume. Either you will gorge yourself and be sick or leave the precious morsels out to spoil. Both are a waste of the precious love that provided the gift.

We also often refuse to try the dishes others are serving because we don't know the server or the dish is unfamiliar to us and maybe even a little intimidating or we don't like how it is being offered. This not only reflects on the server but also on the original Chef. This isn't to say we should ingest everything that comes our way, but that we should be willing to sample what the Master Chef prepared. Know the Chef, know what He serves is best!

The circle is alive with activity. People moving about, presenting gifts to others, sampling the dishes of others, returning to the "kitchen" for refills, new people joining the gathering and meeting the Chef, people walking the edges of the circle inviting others in to join the gathering. So much is going on that you might think you would be overlooked or never missed in all the activity. Not so; the Chef and Head Waiter knows every person intimately. They know all their needs, hopes, fears, and dreams down to the last detail. They also know which "dish" would be best served by that individual. You see, each "dish" needs more than just a warm plate to set it on; it needs the server's character and style to bring out the perfect flavor in it. The dish is delicious and desirable in itself, but when combined with the specifically chosen server, life flows from the Chef through it.

My heart's truest desire is to serve what He gives me to everyone willing to sample it. My heart's greatest fear is that I will take credit for the gift He created because I am the hands He chose to present it with.

Thank You God for allowing me to share what You provide me with each day and guard my heart from thinking I deserve the credit. Thank You for Your perfectly prepared feast of gifts that we all share because we also share the Chef.

