

# Around *the* Table

PART THREE



<sup>25</sup> A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them,<sup>26</sup> “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.”

**LUKE 14:25-35 NLT**

<sup>28</sup> “But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. <sup>30</sup> They would say, ‘There’s the person who started that building and couldn’t afford to finish it!’”

**LUKE 14:25-35 NLT**

<sup>31</sup> “Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? <sup>32</sup> And if he can’t, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away.<sup>33</sup> So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.”

**LUKE 14:25-35 NLT**

<sup>34</sup> “Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again?  
<sup>35</sup> Flavorless salt is good neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!”

**LUKE 14:25-35 NLT**

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<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.”

**MATTHEW 5:13 NLT**



The image features a close-up of a wooden surface, likely a cutting board, with a prominent grain pattern. The wood is a warm, medium-brown color with darker, wavy lines. On the left side, a portion of a red and white checkered cloth is visible, showing a classic gingham pattern. The text "Salt as a flavor enhancer:" is overlaid in the upper-middle section of the wood.

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- ❖ Can help release certain molecules in food to make them more aromatic.

Our lives as salt should flavor  
and enhance what Jesus wants  
to do in the hearts of others.





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<sup>13</sup> Season all your grain offerings with salt to remind you of God's eternal covenant. Never forget to add salt to your grain offerings.

**LEVITICUS 2:13 NLT**

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<sup>13</sup> Every cereal offering you shall season with salt [symbol of preservation]; neither shall you allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your cereal offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

**LEVITICUS 2:13 AMPC**



The image features a wooden background with a prominent grain pattern. On the left side, there is a vertical strip of red and white checkered fabric. The text "God wants us to preserve:" is centered horizontally across the middle of the image, rendered in a white, bold, serif font with a subtle drop shadow.

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<sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

**COLOSSIANS 4:6 NIV**



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<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

**JOHN 4:10, 13-14 NIV**



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- ❖ Salt makes us thirsty.

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

**JOHN 4:10, 13-14 NIV**

As a follower of Christ our lifestyle, conversations, choices, actions should be salty enough to make others thirst for the living water that only Jesus can give.

