

Will You Answer?

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*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. Revelation 3:20*

Imagine Jesus standing and knocking at your front door right now. Do you eagerly open the door and welcome Him inside because you are excited to see your friend? Do you treat Him like you would treat a door-to-door salesman, quickly rejecting Him and sending Him on His way? Or do you run and hide in another room, pretending you aren't home so He will move on to the next house? Your answers to these questions reveal the true condition of your heart.

Did you know Jesus really is standing at the door of your heart, knocking and waiting for an invitation to come in? How will you respond? Have you invited Him in? He will not come in unless He is invited.

For those of you who have already opened your heart to Jesus and made Him Lord and Savior of your life, do you ask Jesus into your daily life? Do you include Him in your decision making? Do you ask Him what He wants you to do today? Do you seek His wisdom? Do you seek to know Him better through daily prayer and the reading of His Word? Jesus longs to be the Lord of your life every day, but He will not force you to relinquish control of it to Him.

It is amazing that Jesus, the God of all creation, comes to each of us and knocks on the door of our hearts. He does not wait for us to seek Him because He knows that in our fallen nature we will not seek Him. He pursues us and announces His arrival with an exclamation point - *Here I am!* He wants to be sure we don't miss His arrival. Yet, as much as He desires for us to open the door of our hearts to Him, He will not force Himself into our lives.

Jesus promises that if we open the door of our hearts to Him, He will come in and eat with us. One of the most important things my family does as a family is eat together. It is a time not only of nourishing our bodies, but also of connecting as a family. It brings us closer together. I value these family bonding times. It is the same with Jesus: to invite Him into our hearts is to nourish our souls. Jesus said in John 6:35 *"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."*

What a great promise! When we invite Jesus into our hearts, we will be satisfied forever. Our search for something bigger, better, or greener will finally be over. Eating with Jesus will satisfy our every longing and bring us the peace and contentment we have all hungered for.

I pray you will open the door of your heart to Christ today and be satisfied by the food He has to offer you.

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