



AT THE TABLE

THE HOSPITALITY OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

How to Use This Daily Reflection:

Each day we will very simply pray (P.R.A.Y.) ‘P’: PAUSING to be still. ‘R’: REJOICING with a Psalm and REFLECTING on a Scripture. ‘A’: ASKING God to help us. ‘Y’: YEILDING to His will in our lives, come what may. Allow this rhythm to deepen your awareness of God’s presence and guide you to live out His mission in your daily life.

Pause

Rejoice/Reflect

Ask

Yeild

Week 04: The Guest Who Becomes the Host

Monday: Healing on the Sabbath (*Luke 14:1–6*)

Pause: Take a moment to breathe and ask God to open your heart to His mercy and grace, especially where rules or judgments might block love.

Rejoice: Today I choose to praise the God whose mercy breaks through our rules and restrictions, in the words of Psalm 103:8.

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The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love. — Psalm 103:8

Reflect: Jesus healed on the Sabbath, challenging the religious leaders’ rules. Mercy and love come before rigid traditions—even when it’s inconvenient or risks criticism.

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Ask: Lord, where am I holding back mercy because I’m afraid of judgment or breaking rules? Help me show Your love freely.

Reflect: Read Luke 14:1-6 again. Where is Jesus inviting you to choose compassion over comfort or convention?

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Yield: Jesus, I yield my need for approval and rules. Help me extend mercy boldly, trusting Your heart.

Tuesday: Taking the Low Place (Luke 14:7–11)

Pause: Quiet your mind and ask God to humble your heart and show you what true honor looks like in His kingdom.

Rejoice: Today I rejoice in the God who lifts the humble and exalts those who do not seek their own glory, echoing James 4:10.

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Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. — James 4:10.

Reflect: Jesus taught that seeking the highest seat leads to shame, but taking the lowest brings honor. True humility invites God’s blessing, not human applause.

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Luke 14:7-11

Ask: Father, how can I embrace humility today? What pride do I need to surrender to live free?

Reflect: Reread Luke 14:7-11. Where in your life is God asking you to move down, trusting He will lift you?

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Yield: God, I yield my desire for recognition and status. Teach me to live humbly and rest in Your exaltation.

Wednesday: Who's on the Guest List? (Luke 14:12–14)

Pause: Pause and reflect on your relationships. Ask God to help you notice those who are overlooked or forgotten in your community.

Rejoice: Today I praise the God who calls us to welcome the overlooked and blesses those who invite the poor and brokenhearted, from Psalm 41:1.

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How blessed is he who considers the helpless;
The Lord will deliver him in a day of trouble. — Psalm 41:1

Reflect: True hospitality challenges us to look beyond convenience and status. It's about extending kindness to those who cannot repay us or elevate our standing—inviting the vulnerable and

overlooked into our circle of care. This kind of generosity reflects God's heart for the marginalized.

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And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and that will be your repayment. But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” — Luke 14:12-14

Ask: Who in my life have I ignored or excluded? Lord, give me courage to invite and serve without expecting anything in return.

Reflect: Read Luke 14:12-14 again. What does radical hospitality look like for you right now?

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Yield: Jesus, I yield my social comfort zones. Help me welcome those often left out with Your open arms.

Thursday: The Great Banquet (Luke 14:15–20)

Pause: Take a deep breath and thank God for His generous invitation to all people. Invite Him to expand your heart to receive and share this welcome.

Rejoice: I celebrate the God who prepares a feast and invites all to His overflowing table, as Psalm 23:5 declares.

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You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
my cup overflows. — Psalm 23:5

Reflect: The banquet God prepares is rich with grace and hope, yet many let fear, distraction, or pride keep them from accepting the invitation. Their excuses reveal how easily we can miss God's generous call when we prioritize lesser things or avoid discomfort.

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When one of those who were reclining at the table with Him heard this, he said to Him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” But He said to him, “A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.’ Another one said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.’ Another one said, ‘I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.’ — Luke 14:15-20

Ask: Lord, what distractions or fears keep me from fully accepting Your invitation? How can I say yes today?

Reflect: Read Luke 14:15-20 again. What is God inviting you to leave behind to come to His table?

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Yield: God, I yield my excuses and fears. Help me accept Your invitation with joy and faith.

Friday: Compel Them to Come (Luke 14:21–24)

Pause: Sit quietly and ask God to give you a heart for those far from His kingdom. Pray for boldness to share His welcome.

Rejoice: Today I give thanks that the Spirit and the Bride call all people to come and receive God’s welcome, inspired by Revelation 22:17.

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The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost. — Revelation 22:17

Reflect: When the invited guests declined to come, the master didn’t give up or narrow his invitation—he extended it radically, welcoming those on the margins, the forgotten, and the excluded. This shows how God’s invitation breaks down barriers and reaches out boldly to fill His house with all who will respond.

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The servant said, “Lord, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.” The master said to the servant, “Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, so that my house will be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my dinner!” And the servant said, “Lord, it is done just as you commanded, and still there is room.” Then the lord said to the servant, “Go out to the highways and hedges, and urge people to come in, so that my house will be filled.

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Ask: Lord, who are You calling me to invite? How can I help others find their place at Your table?

Reflect: Read Luke 14:21-24 again. Where is God sending you to bring others to His feast?

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Yield: Jesus, I yield my fears of rejection. Use me to welcome and compel others into Your kingdom feast.