

PIE AND COFFEE

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"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." Revelation 3:20, NKJV



One day, a dear friend of mine was concerned about one of her friends who appeared to be struggling and wasn't opening up about it to anyone. Out of concern she contacted her friend and told it was time for them to go to a restaurant and have "pie and coffee." I thought that was such a great way to open the door to help someone who needed support but did not want to talk. Food is a great connector when we need to talk to each other. In this friendship, the lingo "pie and coffee" was understood to mean we need to get you over this hump and since you aren't talking, somebody must make the effort to get the ball rolling.

We are in that kind of relationship with Jesus. He's standing at the door of our heart and knocks saying, "It's time for pie and coffee." My friend's friend

opened the door of her heart to the request and allowed entrance into her thoughts by first agreeing to meet and upon meeting expressing her concerns. It wasn't that my friend was certain she could provide answers but she could provide a listening heart and lend support and encouragement. The great thing about Jesus is when we agree to let him in and we dine with Him, He has the power to provide what it is needed to address the matters of our life. When my friend saw her relationship with her friend was becoming distant because of inner conflict she was moved to reach out. Jesus sees when we become distant and He's moved to reach out. When we become distant with the Lord we can reflect it by being lukewarm in our passion about Christ being first in our life.

Accept Jesus' call for "pie and coffee." He's sweeter than pie and He wants to stimulate your life and He can do it without caffeine (smile). Accept His invitation to sweet fellowship so you can find the passion again between you and the Lord. Open up your mouth and share your concern, dilemma, or whatever it is. He's making the move, now He needs your favorable response. Guess what, you don't have to pay for it, Jesus has picked up the tab!

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