

Where's Your Chair?

John 6 1-14



...obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today,
by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways,
and observing his commandments, decrees and ordinances....

Deuteronomy 30:16

Praising:

Lord, for that word, the word of
life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our
souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us
and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your
people's praise.

Reading:

John 6: 1-14
God-ward gratitude

Immediately after Jesus takes the
loaves and fish, and immediately
before he distributes them to the
people, what does Jesus pause
to do? It's an essential and
automatic part of the Jewish
mealtime ritual and one that
recurs so often that it doesn't
always get mentioned in the Bible
narratives. Mind you, one key
meal from which it is not left out is

the Last Supper and coming so
close before the passion and
cross, it takes on a whole new
poignancy. To thank God for our
food is to give the Lord His place
as creator and source of all life.
How many times will we eat
today? How many times will we
stop, even momentarily, to say
thank-you to the one who is the
Bread of Life?

Listening:

Praying:

Lord give us thankful hearts to
remember where our food comes
from and to pray

- for those responsible for our
meals: who grow our food,
distribute it, cook it and serve
it
- for those who are physically
hungry: in the developing
world and closer to home
- for those who are spiritually
hungry: those we love but
whose lives feel full without
Christ

Father: whatever the fare, your
Son enjoyed the food presented
to Him and readily presented
food to others. As we do the
same, remind us to be grateful, to
show it and to say it. Amen

Doing:

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