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Come Hungry & Leave Full
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In most of my childhood memories, a worship center stands prominently in the background of my recollections. As pastor's kids, my sister and I would often come home from school, finish homework, and then play outside of the parsonage until dinner. As the sunlight faded outside, our stomachs began to rumble for dinner. Soon after, the porch light would flicker and my mom's voice would ring out the front door "time for supper kids." Quickly, we would drop all we had, run inside, clean up a bit, and sit down for a good, hot meal. The blessing was said, plates were piled high with food, and a warm conversation began to fill the air.

In those days, I came to the table hungry from a long day at school and a few hours of hard play outside. I left the table each night with both a full stomach and heart. Days like these remind me of the importance of coming to the table of worship as a hungry saint every week. Christians that serve God and seek Him daily will come to church each week hungry for spiritual food that is served by warm-hearted brothers and sisters in Christ. There is really no reason a believer should leave the gathering of the saints on the Sabbath with an empty soul. We need to come hungry to the table on the Sabbath because we are active for God throughout the week. We should leave satisfied and full because we have received the Word of God in the midst of the Covenant community of God. In the Gospel of John, Jesus reminds us that He satisfies all who come to Him. In John 6:35, He says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." So, I challenge you, my brothers and sisters, to come hungry and leave full each Sabbath day.



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