

A Time for Sharing

Acts 2:44-47 (LB) - And all the believers met constantly and shared everything with each other. Selling their possessions and dividing with those in need. They worshiped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness, praising God.

Luke 3:11 (LB) - John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry.

As I looked out the picture window to our backyard I observed six very healthy, fat squirrels arriving for their morning feed. Six or eight corn cobs had been strategically placed by my husband so that all could comfortably enjoy the morning feast. Indeed, plenty of food for all of them to share. But instead of sharing, they began attacking each other and chasing each other off, in an effort for the strongest and most intimidating to have it all. And I wondered, how often are we like the fat squirrels? We have so much. There's plenty for us to share with others and yet we do our best to get more and more and keep it for ourselves. After all, if we don't take care of ourselves, who will take care of us? In Luke 3:11 John has quite a clear message for us today...SHARE!!! Share whatever you have with those who need it. Who will you share with this day from your abundance?

We are a few weeks away from participating in the opportunity to pack millions of meals to feed starving children in our world. Bags will be filled with rice, chicken, veggies and soy. Each bag contains enough to feed six people one meal. It is an awesome experience to be a part of such an endeavor, but it is more than heart breaking to know that for many who receive these bags, this will be their only meal that day. Each person will get approximately one cup of food.

Join me as we celebrate out of our ABUNDANCE and reach out to make a difference in the world for those who have very little. Perhaps you can get a team together for the Feed My Starving Children event or write a check to help pay for this huge endeavor. Participation and financial support are both needed and either or both make you part of an endeavor that will CHANGE LIVES and provide HOPE, not only for those who receive the food, but for all who answered the call of John to SHARE!!!

Prayer: Gracious and loving God, fill our hearts not with the burden of sharing, but with the JOY of sharing all that you have bestowed upon us, with others. For it is through our giving and caring for others that all are blest, those who receive and those who give. Flood our hearts with an awareness of how we can be your heart, hands and feet to a world who needs you. In your precious name we pray. Amen.