

Do you ever get in any arguments with your brother and sisters about things? Who gets this and who gets that? Well, one man recalled back to when he was around your age. His mother made some cupcakes. Have you ever had cupcakes? Good stuff.

So, he and his sister really enjoyed them. Then there were just two cupcakes left. Who gets the last two? What should be done? The mother said that they could eat them when they got home from school – one for his sister and one for him.

The brother got home before his sister and he munched his cupcake quickly away. Now then, he is just looking at that one cupcake and looking and looking.

He can't help himself and he ate it as she was coming into the kitchen! She was mad and crying. He rolled his eyes, "Big deal."

What do you suppose she did? Yep, she told her mother and her mother says to her son, "Wait until your father hears about this. Go to your room." I had that happen to me on occasion, waiting for dad. Do you wonder what is going to happen to him?

When his father came home, the son heard his father and his mom talking and then his dad came to him with his mother and he said, "George, I'm very disappointed in you. What you did was selfish and it hurt your sister.

And so, until you can show me that you can be a better brother, you must eat supper in your room alone." He thought, "Hmmm, that's not so bad. I still get to eat. I still get to watch television. I'm not grounded."

So, that night, he took his tray to his room and he ate dinner by himself. It was good. And when he finished, he stretched out on his bed. He thought, "This really isn't so bad." But then I heard the voices of his mother and father and sister talking at dinner. He could hear his family laughing about something that they thought was funny.

Then he began to feel alone. He began to realize that eating by yourself, away from the family, was not as easy as he had thought it would be. Before the night was over, he apologized and his dad said he could come back to the table the next night.

What do you think he learned from this? He learned that eating was not just about food. It was also about the people you eat with. The people you eat with are the people you belong to. And in his case, it was also about forgiveness.

When Jesus arose from the dead, guess what he eventually ended up doing? He ate with his disciples because he wanted to tell them that their mistakes

were forgiven and that they still belonged to him. That is what you did in your first confession like the boy in the story.

The bread will not taste as good as cupcakes, but you already know that. It is not about filling your belly but feeding your souls. Jesus said He is the Way, because he is the Truth. Pray with him, tell the truth, talk to him, and you will never be lost, for he is Life.

Be with *this family* (Parents!) every week here and your life will always have meaning, you will never be alone and you will always know the way and when your time comes, he will then know you, and he will come for you, because he is the way, the truth and the life.