

# THE TABLE

LEARN TO HAVE  
A CONVERSATION AGAIN.

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*“ Salt is the policeman of taste: it keeps the various flavors of a dish in order and restrains the stronger from tyrannizing over the weaker.”*

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Margret Visser

# THE NEW NORMAL:

Today we not only disagree with one another, it seems as though we dislike one another simply because we disagree with one another.

Love

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*“**Love** people the way I have loved you.”*

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Jesus



The kingdoms of this world move forward by opposing every enemy.

The Kingdom of God moves forward by loving every neighbor.

Let your conversation be **always**  
**full of grace, seasoned with salt**, so  
that you may know how to answer  
everyone.

**Colossians 4:6 NIV**

Grace & Truth



When we elevate truth  
over grace we lose love  
and we lose ground.

...speaking the truth in love.

**Ephesians 4:15 NIV**

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Every word matters.

Do not let any **unwholesome** talk come out of your mouths, but only what is **helpful** for building others up according to **their needs**, that it may benefit those who listen.

**Ephesians 4:29 NIV**

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the **occasion**, that it may give **grace** to those who hear.

**Ephesians 4:29 ESV**



And do not **grieve** the Holy Spirit of  
God...

**Ephesians 4:30 NIV**

# TABLE RULES:

Seek to understand first  
and be understood second.

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Ask questions before you  
start making statements.

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Listen actively to what is being said rather than actively thinking about what you want or need to say.

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Be willing to concede the upside of their side and the downside of your side.

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Remember, cheap shots aren't cheap. They cost us influence.

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Understand that not every  
issue is created equal.



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Don't ignite conflict, diffuse it.

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When it comes to words, it's better to be thoughtful than regretful.

Whenever you find yourself more concerned with telling truth than showing grace, you have gotten out of step with Jesus.

Telling someone the truth matters, how you tell them the truth matters more.