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SWEET TOOTH

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Ever have a sweet tooth craving? What's your preferred delicacy for desert? If you're French it may be creme brûlée. If you grew up around our family table it was chocolate cake. Connie made a triple layer Black Forest chocolate cake. She had whipped creme in the middle and abundant cherries throughout. Our kids loved it. It tasted something like those Hostess chocolate cupcakes, but even better!



I believe we may have had a finger or two get stabbed with a fork while diving into the plate for another slice. Some of us just have a natural affinity for sugar and sweets! How about at your house? What was your favorite sweet indulgence? Maybe we should all swap some recipes.

In the South most people inherit a bit of a sweet tooth. Connie will tell you, her grandparents on her mother's side, the Sandy family, had sweets at every meal. There was molasses and butter on biscuits or toast for breakfast. Then at lunch out came the homemade jams and jellies for any leftover breakfast biscuits. At supper time there was some sort of cake, pie, or cookies to round out the day. Everyone went to bed with a smile on their face in those days. Maybe it was the sugar. Just saying.

When we ate Christmas dinner with grandma and grandpa Sandy, out came the whole desert recipe book. They needed a separate table just for deserts. The adults in the kitchen had been baking and cooking all week. They gathered around the table to sample a bite of everything on display. The meal was never complete without sweets, candies, and cakes.

This makes me wonder, what if sugar might be the "silver bullet" for modern evangelism. Next time we want to grow a conversation about Jesus, what if we met for coffee and some kind delightful sweets? Just saying. This might set the mood for success.

In Matthew 6:33, Jesus once said, "But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well." CEV

What if we pursued sharing the Good News that Jesus is for everyone the way we share our love for Black Forest cake? Maybe we could have a "sweet tooth" for Jesus message, like butter and molasses on a biscuit?

I'm throwing this out there: Coffee and desert on me. Let's meet. My treat. You just text and I will show up. How about Sweet Boutique in downtown Cynthiana? Here's my number: 859.588.6642.

Let's talk Jesus stuff, with some sugary delight thrown in! Who's in?