

Romans 9:1-26
A Seat at the Table
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Introduction: Once Upon a Time at the Clubhouse Table

Key Question: How do you get people to offer others a seat at the Lord's table?

- I. Tell the first to the table that they're still special
 - A. Held in Great Affection (vv. 1-3)
 - B. Have a Great Pedigree (v. 4)
 - C. Have a Great Purpose (v. 5)
- II. Remind those first to the table Why they're still special
 - A. Not because of their flesh (vv. 6-7)
 - B. But because of their faith
 - C. Blessing comes through faith in God's promise (vv. 8-9)
 - D. Blessing come not by being first or best (vv. 10-16)

Key Questions:

1. Who Love This Conversation? The New-comers (see 25-26)
2. Who Doesn't Love This Conversation? The Long-timers (see 17-24)

Our Struggles:

1. If you separate this passage from its purpose, it seems as if God is arbitrarily cruel.
2. If you separate this passage from its purpose, it seems faith decisions are robotic.

Our Message:

1. Confess the Mystery (11:33-36)

2. Embrace the Mission of the Mystery (9:26)