

# PK's Perspectives ...Feasting on Leftovers

What's your favorite leftover? Like when you're sitting around the house, hungry but don't have a particular craving, and excitedly remember you have some leftover ? in the fridge which you immediately seek out and devour. That might just be your favorite warmed-up or cold leftover! I conducted a non-scientific survey among the church office tribe and discovered the following foods were the favorite leftovers to wolf down:

<u>warmed-up faves</u> chicken pot pie spaghetti mac & cheese pizza roast beef/gravy chili cubed steak/potatoes	<u>cold faves</u> turkey or ham pear salad cole slaw pizza potato salad fried chicken corn dip
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I promised anonymity when conducting the survey so you'll just have to guess which staff member likes which leftover!

Am I the only person who thinks some foods actually get better with each re-heating? I like a fresh batch of spaghetti (*nope, I didn't put spaghetti on the warmed-up fave list!*) but bring that spaghetti out two or three days later, warm it up, and BAM! that stuff tastes even better. The sauce is a bit thicker...the seasonings have saturated into the meat - I'm just saying that good spaghetti turns into great spaghetti in its leftover life!

Growing up, carving the warm turkey/honey baked ham was a holiday tradition I anticipated, ever watchful for the sliver of turkey or ham that fell to the counter top and then disappeared into my mouth. But the day after Thanksgiving/Christmas, when the leftover slices of turkey or ham were in the fridge? It was nothing to grab a thick slice of that meat and eat it while going out to the backyard to play football. Good stuff! (*Nope, I didn't put turkey and ham on the cold fave list!*)

You know, we're immersed in a culture that is obsessed with the next new thing. We can't hardly enjoy the thing in front of us for thinking about the next episode or update or trend. Sadly, this tendency in culture has crept into the church in ways obvious and not so obvious. Could it be we miss a lot of good stuff when we fail to re-visit the truths and experiences we've already received from God? Those Bible verses of simple, practical truth that we studied in yesteryear have been marinating in the Tupperware containers of our hearts - all the while taking on deeper, more profound meaning if only we would bring them back into the forefront of our personal devotions.

What has God already taught you that when you first received it, the truth transformed your faith, life, & witness? Are you continuing to live faithfully to that truth? Has its influence faded? Go back. Warm-up those leftovers of the spiritual feasts you have already enjoyed — you might find those truths possess an even more powerful zest than when you first learned them! Grace & peace, love you. PK