

We are Loved Casserole

Setting: The AGAPE Kitchen. Cook # 1 watching the oven.

Cook # 2: (walking in) Hey, _____, What-cha cooking?

Cook # 1: Ohhhh, just a little casserole from a recipe my husband sent me.

Cook # 2: Well, It smells wonderful. (Takes a big whiff) What's all in it?

Cook # 1: Now, I can't just be giving out one of my husbands' favorite recipes like that. (Pauses, then smiles real big) You'll need pen and paper if you're going to write it down. Believe me, it's worth the paper, and more.

(Cooks 3, 4 And 5 walk in)

Cook # 3: Hey! What are you guy's doing in here? We have a bunch of hungry people out there. WOW! Something smells great! What on Earth have you two got in that oven?

Cook # 4: Yes! You must tell us what's cooking.

Cook # 5: What is that delicious aroma?

(The rest of the cooks enter in)

Cook # 1: I was just about to tell _____ when you walked in...

Rest of Cooks: (All at once) "We're ready to serve."; "Where's the FOOD!"; "Boy, something smells good."; "Dawn want's to know what the hold up is."

Cook # 2: OK! OK! We'll be serving them in just a minute. But, first, _____ has to give me this recipe.

Cook # 3: I want it too!

All: Me too! And, ME!

Cook # 1: All right, does everyone have pen and paper?

All: (Pulling out pad and pen) Yes! We're ready!

Cook # 1: Now, as most of you know, all casseroles have a base. Well, since this is one of my husbands, you all should be able to guess what the base is.

All: (At the same time) "RAMEN NOODLE SOUP!" (All start laughing)

Cook # 1: YES. The old Ramen Noodle Soup. Every Prisoners favorite food. (Chuckles) I tell you the truth; someone needs to write a recipe book with all the thousands of different ways to use RAMEN NOODLE SOUPS.

Cook # 2: First, let us have this one. By the way, what's the name of it?

Cook # 1: OK. The name is....."We are Loved, Casserole."

Cook # 3: What a great name for a casserole.

Cook # 1: Yes. I think so too. Now, here's the next ingredient. John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

All: (In unison) John 3:16.

Cook # 1: Next, You'll need John 15:9, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you, continue in my love," and verse 12, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you."

All: (In unison) John 15, verses 9 and 12.

Cook # 1: Now, this next ingredient is important. You can't leave it out, and there is no set amount to add. I will say, more is better. Romans 15:1-2, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbor for *his* good to edification."

All: (In unison) Romans 15:1 and 2.

Cook # 1: Add a lot of Hebrews 13:1-3, "Let brotherly/sisterly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

All: (In unison) Hebrews 13: 1 thru 3.

Cook # 1: And, lastly, 1 John 5:2-4, "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith."

All: (In unison) 1 John 5:2 thru 4.

Dawn: (Walking into the kitchen) HEY! What's the hold up in here? We have a bunch of hungry ladies out there.

All: (Scrambling and bumping into each other and trying to look busy) "We're coming." "Dinner's ready." "I was just on my way out." Etc.

Dawn: Great. I'll go tell everyone Dinner is served. By the way, what are we having?

All: (In unison) WE ARE LOVED CASSEROLE! (All start laughing and exit).

THE END

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