

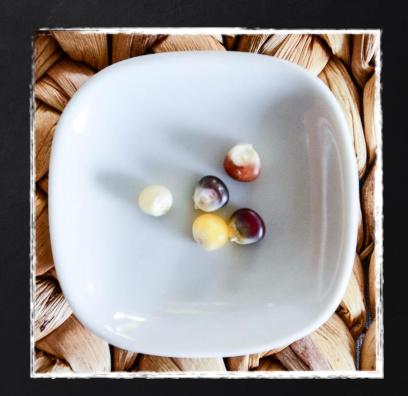
What is your favorite
Thanksgiving side dish?



I. The first winter in Plymouth was very cold
And hunger abounded as the year unrolled.

Some days each only had five kernels of corn.

Their lives were becoming sad and forlorn.



II. But then spring came and their harvest grew.

The pilgrims began to thrive and their spirits did too.

But they never forgot the bleak times they did abate

So on Thanksgiving they'd put five kernels on each plate.

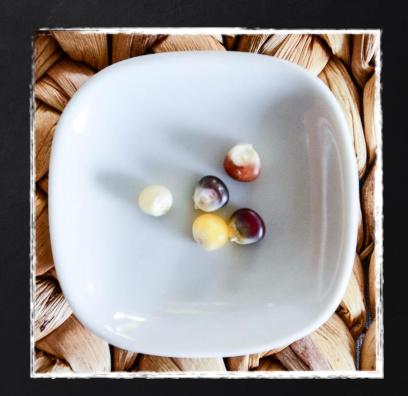


III. The first kernel reminded them of the autumn beauty.
The second one of the freedom that they held dearly.
The third reminded of their love and care for each other.

And the fourth was for dear friends like the Indian brother.



IV. The fifth kernel reminded of God's love and care for all. So as you prepare and celebrate Thanksgiving this fall, Remember to put five little kernels on each dinner plate To honor the pilgrims and give thanks for our good fate.



"But the righteous shall live by faith." ~ God (in Habakkuk 2:4)

Habakkuk 3:17-19

17 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, though the produce of the olive fail, and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. 19 GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

Our faith is revealed through gratitude.

Luke 17:11-13

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten men with leprosy, who stood at a distance, 13 and lifted up their voice together, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

Luke 17:14-18

14 When Jesus saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as the ten men went they were cleansed. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

What does our ingratitude reveals about us? Why did these nine men fail to either praise God or to thank Jesus for their healing?

Luke 17:19

19 And Jesus said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well. Your faith has saved you."