

DISCOURAGED



We're at a crossroads with nothing in sight but wilderness in both directions.

God is far away.

Jesus has vanished.

There's nothing left.

Have I been a fool all these years?

Or am I missing something?

Those two disciples trudging toward Emmaus were overwhelmed with discouragement.

Jesus was gone.

And so were all his promises.

“Why are you looking so sad,” said a stranger joining them on the journey.

“Are you the only one in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that happened here?”

“What things?”

They spilled their bitterness to the stranger, who listened for a while, and then began to speak.



"O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24

Who is this man? We need to hear more.

"Come in and stay with us!"

The stranger took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and was gone.

And so was their discouragement.

When God is far away, when Jesus has vanished,

maybe we too are "slow of heart to believe all the prophets have spoken."

The same Lord who visited those disciples will find his way to us.

If we are ready to slow down and listen, we will hear his voice.



"Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?"

Discouragement is the door either to despair or to revelation, depending on the welcome the Lord receives when he meets us on the road.

As he always does.

Prayer- Lord meet us on the road when we are discouraged. Prepare us to expect and welcome your approach. May our ears be ready to hear what you are saying. May we not be slow of heart to believe all that you teach us. May our hearts burn within us and may we be filled with revelation, awe and encouragement as we do slow down and listen to your holy voice.

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