



Sunday, April 12, 2020

MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

A. HOPE in Believing because GOD’S WORD can be TRUSTED
(Romans 15:8-13)

BIBLICAL HOPE IS ROOTED IN THE STABILIZING TRUTHS OF GOD. It is a CONFIDENT EXPECTATION that God will be faithful to fulfill His promises based upon His past faithfulness. We can enjoy consistent hope in the storm as we rely upon SPIRIT OF GOD and meditate upon the stabilizing truths of the WORD OF GOD.

B. HOPE in Seeing because GOD’S WORD is TRUE (Luke 24:13-35)

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This is an amazing story of hopeless faith being renewed by the spiritual sight of the object of true Life—the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

1. The Sorrowful Walk (Luke 24:14-24)

Here we read that their eyes were “*holden*” (v. 16) or covered, such as hands being placed over one’s eyes.

a. The Stranger’s Inquiry (v. 17-19a)

b. Their Sad commentary (v. 19b-25)

i. Their Master’s Death (v. 19b-20)

ii. They Misunderstood Scripture (v. 21)

iii. They Missed the Evidence (v. 22-24)



What kind of faith was this? They had placed their faith in a Savior who was now dead. How can a dead savior redeem anyone?

Emotion is a wonderful part of the human being, but when it is allowed to drive our thoughts and actions, it is a detriment.

2. The Scriptures Opened (Luke 24:25-27)

Luke 24:25-27 Then **He** said unto them, “O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: **26** Ought not **Christ** to have suffered these things, and to enter into **His** glory?” **27** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, **He** expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning **Himself**.

They gravitated to the glory and overlooked the suffering. They had a lopsided view of Scripture which led them to unbiblical conclusions. At a time when they needed a *steadfast faith*, they found themselves with a *shifting faith* being “*tossed to and fro*” by wrong doctrine.

Ephesians 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight [*trickery*] of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive [*deceitful plotting*];

It is important that when we read the Word of God that we look for Jesus on every page. We must ask the Holy Spirit to “*open the eyes of our understanding*,” (Eph 1:18) this will then allow us to “*behold wondrous things*.” (Psalm 119:18)

3. The **Savior** Revealed (Luke 24:28-32)

This word “*open*” has the idea of a new born opening their eyes and taking things in for the first time, seeing things in a way that they have never seen before.

1 Corinthians 15:55-58 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? **56** The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. **57** But thanks *be* to **God**, which giveth us the victory through our **Lord Jesus Christ**. **58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the **Lord**, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the **Lord**.



Are you on the Emmaus road today? Are you feeling that your Lord has let you down? Does life seem as if it is impossible, that all you believe in is just a waste and that there is no hope?

4. His **Servants** Respond (Luke 24:33-35)

Matthew 11:28-29 Come unto **Me**, all ye that labour [*weary*] and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take **My** yoke upon you, and learn of **Me**; for I am meek [*gentle*] and lowly [*humble*] in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.



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What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!