



▶ DAILY DEVOTIONAL.

Saturday/Sunday, 5/18-19/19

“Emmaus”

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Family Activity: Sometimes we get so preoccupied with other things that we don’t notice how God is present in our lives. The month of May can be a busy time with the end of school. Set aside time as a family this week for a family walk or outdoor activity and dinner together.

Discuss:

How have you experienced God?

How has God helped you to grow this past school year?

How would you like to invite God into your upcoming week?

Monday, 5/20/19
“Walking Together”

Amos 3:3

*Do two walk together
unless they have agreed to do so?*

- A few weekends ago my family was in town and so we headed outside to enjoy the nice weather. As we were walking around my niece who is almost two years old needed to hold our hands while we walked at the park. As we walked, I noticed that we each naturally changed our pace when we were holding her hand. When we walk alongside others, sometimes we need to slow down and other times we need to speed up. When we walk with God, we also need to adjust our pace. How has your pace changed in order to walk in relationship with God?
- What does walking with God mean for you? How does this impact your faith journey?

Prayer: Holy God, we thank you for your presence in our lives. Thank you for walking with us and help us to become ever more aware of how you are leading us. May we see each day not as a destination but as an opportunity to be on a journey with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Tuesday, 5/21/19
“Walking Faithfully”

Genesis 6:8-9

This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

- How would you define being righteous or blameless? How does this challenge you?
- What does it mean to you to walk faithfully with God? What is one thing you could do today to grow in walking faithfully with God?

Prayer: Good and gracious God, we thank you for this precious day. As we draw closer in relationship to you, help us to grow in righteousness and faithfulness. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and give us strength for our journey. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Wednesday, 5/22/19
“Obedience”

Deuteronomy 5:33

Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

- I often hear of obedience in relationship to training for dogs. If you have ever had a puppy you quickly become very aware that obedience is something you work toward over a long period of time, not something that is automatic. It is the same with our relationship with God. We do not automatically become obedient, we practice over time. What would working toward walking in obedience mean for you? How have you been obedient to God lately?

- Who or what exemplifies obedience for you? How can that example help you to grow in your faith?

Prayer: Merciful God, we praise you for this new day with new opportunities. Thank you for always being faithful to us, even when we struggle to be obedient to you. Help us to continue to grow in our faith so that we can hear your voice and seek after you. In the name of Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit we pray, Amen.

Thursday, 5/23/19

“Steady Steps”

Psalm 119:133

*Keep my steps steady by your word;
don't let any sin rule me.*

- What do you feel is ruling you today? What would you like to let go of?
- How has God's word helped to steady your steps?

Prayer: Dear God, we thank you that you are steadfast. Help us to let go of the things that take hold of us and the things that keep us from truly seeing all of the good plans you have for us. Free us for joyful obedience to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Friday, 5/24/19

“Walking Humbly”

Micah 6:8

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

- Where do you identify injustice in our world? How have you been called to do justice?
- When you think of walking humbly with God, what images come to mind? How have you seen humbleness help you to grow in your relationship with God?

Prayer: God of justice and mercy, we thank you for this day. Help us to clearly hear your call and bless us with an eagerness to respond. May these words from Micah convict us, motivate us and bring us joy. Fill us with your Holy Spirit for the work ahead. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

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