

# DEVOTIONAL

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**“Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.” (Luke 24:13-15)**

Sometimes God lets us wrestle with doubt. Sometimes God makes us wait.

As those two disciples made their way to Emmaus, their pain and heartache must have been unimaginable. They hadn’t just trusted in Jesus as an inspiring teacher. They believed that he was the promised Savior who would deliver God’s people. They bet big on Jesus, and it seems they lost it all.

Maybe you know the story well: how Jesus comes up and walks alongside of them. How he keeps them from recognizing him. How he challenges their doubt and patiently, masterfully leads them back into the word of Scripture to see the truth they should have known all along. It teaches us something so important: when in doubt, when we don’t understand, go back to God’s Word!

But don’t rush to that lesson yet! There’s another truth. Even people who know Jesus and have taken his teachings to heart won’t always see the answer right away.

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Sometimes God waits to open our eyes to the truth of his Word. Until then, you can take two lessons from those two disciples – something to do, and something not to do:

- Here's what you can imitate: Talk to your fellow Christians. Be honest about your doubt, your grief and your fears. God gives us each other to help us work through those challenges.

-Here's where you can do better than they did: Don't give up hope, even if you don't see the answer yet. You know that when the time was right, Jesus opened up the eyes of his disciples to understand the Scriptures. Remember that. He can do the same for you.

## **Prayer:**

**Dear Lord, there are so many times in life when we don't understand your will or your ways. Help us make good use of our Christian friends – and to be faithful friends to them when they struggle. And when the road seems long and lonely, help us remember that you picked just the right moment to give understanding to your disciples then, and you'll do the same today. Amen.**

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