

EMMAUS

LUKE 24:13-35; 1 PETER 1:17-23

GRACE AND PEACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU.

ON THE ROAD, HEARTS BURNING, TO WE HAD HOPED
LIST ALL THE THINGS WE HAD HOPED-SPAGHETTI, PALM, EASTER, MOTHER'S DAY,
GRADUATION, VACATIONS, MISSION TRIPS, FAIR, SYNOD SCHOOL, BALLGAMES.

HOSPITALITY, BLESSING NOT SEEN YET, LIKE US
RECOGNITION OF JESUS IS THE BLESSING, IN BROKENNESS OF THEM AND BREAD
REVIVED, WENT BACK TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S NEXT
WE COME TO OUR SENSES A LITTLE WHEN WE SEE THE BLESSING.
THAT'S WHAT WE WILL NEED TO DO IN A COUPLE WEEKS.
WHERE ARE TURNING? WHAT ARE WE HOPING NOW?
WE'RE IN THE MEANTIME, JESUS IS WALKING ALONGSIDE US
WE WILL HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR BROKENNESS, GRIEVE OUR WE HAD
HOPES, BUT ALSO SEE THE BLESSING, AND GET EXCITED ABOUT THE WHAT NEXT
TOGETHER

PETER TALKS ABOUT OUR TRUE IDENTITY AND OUR SPIRITUAL
TRANSFORMATIONAL REDEMPTION BEING BASED ON IDENTITY IN CHRIST, NOT
ON OUR SIN
HE SPEAKS OF LIVING IN OBEDIENCE OF LOVING, HE SOUNDS A LOT LIKE JESUS
PETER WANTED TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT BEING REDEEMED FROM EMPTY WAY
OF LIFE, I NOW HOPE THAT IS WHAT AWAITS US. A FULLER, MORE PURPOSEFUL
WAY, A LESS SELF-CENTERED AND SELF INDULGANT WAY, A LESS WASTEFUL WAY,
A MORE GRATEFUL WAY, A MORE INCLUSIVE, COMPASSIONATE WAY.
MAY THE FIRE COME INTO OUR HEARTS AND BURN AWAY THE CHAFF SO THAT
WHAT IS LEFT IS READY FOR GROWTH AND FRUITFULNESS LIKE NEVER BEFORE.
LET US PRAY: LORD JESUS, WALK WITH US. IN THIS MEANTIME, THAT FEELS
SOME DAYS LIKE A MEAN TIME. IN THESE REPETITIVE DAYS WHEN WE ARE
OVERCOME BY WE HAD HOPED, SHOW US SOMETHING NEW, OPEN OUR EYES,
PUT A FIRE IN OUR HEARTS, HELP US RUN THIS FAITH RACE WITH RENEWED
ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM. AMEN.