We Didn't Know Who You Were

Luke 24:13-35

The shadow of Calvary left a devastating impact on the lives of the disciples. Calvary's cross was the greatest act of redemption known to humanity. The cross, a symbol of suffering and sacrifice, became the altar on which humanity's freedom was paid. What Jesus did on Calvary's cross was far more than an act of redemption. It was an act of unconditional love and grace. His life and blood were the price paid. It was the ransom God demanded.

In Luke 24:13-35, we see the disciples in a state of despair following Jesus' crucifixion. They were looking for a Redeemer, someone who would deliver them from the oppressive Roman rule. However, they did not fully understand the kind of Redeemer Jesus was. They were focusing on earthly liberation, while Jesus came to provide eternal salvation.

We too long for a savior who caters to our desires and wishes. We look for solutions to our problems and seek deliverance from our struggles.

We too like the people of Jerusalem are looking for a redeemer. We must remind ourselves that Jesus is more than a redeemer. Jesus is our savior. Jesus has redeemed us from bondage. Jesus has delivered us from the fear of death and the grave. Our savior has taught and shown us that these two imposters do not have the last word. This single act by Jesus on Calvary's cross reveals the tremendous cost that had to be paid to free mankind from the bondage of sin and restore our relationship with God. It serves as a powerful reminder that we are not alone in our struggles and that there is always a path to redemption, no matter how lost or broken we may feel.

As we reflect on their story allow yourself to look into a mirror and see yourself in these men. How often do we walk our own Emmaus roads, blinded by our circumstances, unable to see the victory of the resurrection that is before us? We hear the news of national political conflict and international war. We experience our own strife and personal trials. Like these disciples, we may feel that the one we hoped for has been defeated.

Remember, do not ever forget, the moment when their eyes were opened. The stranger was not a stranger at all. He was the Risen Christ. Imagine the strength of faith if we opened our eyes too. Imagine the changes that would take place in our lives if we would embrace His victory. If we allowed our eyes to be opened to the presence of the risen Lord in our midst,

how would our walk change? We would see every trial as an opportunity for resurrection, every ending as a new beginning, and every moment of despair as a step closer to hope.

The road to Emmaus is not just a story of the past but our story today. We are invited to walk with Jesus and invite Him into our homes, hearts, and lives. In doing so, we will find that the resurrection is not a distant historical event; it is a present reality, a victory that can transform our every defeat into triumph.

Exactly what does walking humbling with God mean? Amos meant living a life that was in faithful submission to God. It means recognizing our limitations and the greatness of God's wisdom and love. The cross represents a significant shift in values, in the things we believe are important. The cross introduces in a very tangible way the importance that others should have in our lives. This is reflected in the fact that Jesus gave His life for us. The cross does not call for the elimination of material wealth. It challenges believers to look at how they use their resources.

Blessings,
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