Aftershocks

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Today's Scripture: Luke 24:13-18

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

TO GET BACK ON TRACK, YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW YOU GO OFF TRACK TO BEGIN WITH

• Their first mistake: "I Thought"

• Their second mistake: "I've Heard"

• Their third mistake: "I Believed"

JESUS HELPED THEM TO GET THEIR LIVES BACK ON TRACK

• First, He told them "Here is where you went wrong"

"Then He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

Luke 24:25-26

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thought; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way." Psalm 139: 23-24

Next, Jesus told them "Here is what God says"

"And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." Luke 24:26

• Finally, Jesus showed them "Here I am"

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him." Luke 24:31

WHAT IS GOD CALLING ON YOU TO DO ON YOUR PERSONAL EMMAUS ROAD?

- Admit that you have lost sight of Him
- Ask Him to join you right where you are
- Turn everything over to Him
- Make time in His Word