

Beauty for Ashes

Part 4 | Reorient

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TODAY: Reorient

A BURNED LIFE?

Define:

Ashes: the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance

Ashes: the worthless remains after something valuable has been destroyed

REORIENT VISION

Proverbs 29:18 MSG

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What do we do post tragedy/ash to reorient vision to God's blessing?

Luke 24:13-27

13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus

Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

17 And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?”

18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?”

19 And He said to them, “What things?”

So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. 22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. 24 And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.”

25 Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He [h]indicated that He would have gone farther. 29 But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them.

30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

32 And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” 33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to

Simon!” 35 And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

OBVIOUS THOUGHTS...

- Keep Going
- Keep going with someone(s) close to you
- Listen for His voice

When you can't see Him, keep listening for His voice.
Keep swimming - keep going...

PRACTICALS...

1.) Figure out what *kind* of conversation you are having

17 And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?”

- Jesus is telling them:
 - You went through the trauma.
 - You kept going
 - You are grieving/sad
 - What KIND of conversation are you having now?

Quick Fix Mentality: A low threshold for pain that constantly seeks symptom relief rather than fundamental change

Jesus is trying to orient them from
where they've been to
where they might go
can only do that through fundamental change,
not symptom resolution.

2.) Separate “what we expected God to do” & “God is actually doing”

21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel...

Their **EXPECTATION** is still a political messiah redeeming Israel.

Their **REALITY** is walking with the resurrected Son of God who just redeemed the world.

God is wanting them to see the new thing He wants to do

They are grieving the loss of what they thought was going to happen

Q: Your life right now?

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3.) Ask Jesus to abide in your home & Commune together

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4.) Give attention & action to the places that are still burning

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Fellowship with Him, Scripture, Community, Reflection/Discernment

- [Keep gathering together!!](#)

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PRAYER