

Friday, April 24

Running to Share the News

Luke 24:33–35

“And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

It is evening. They have just walked seven miles from Jerusalem. They are tired.

And yet, the moment their eyes are opened and they recognize the risen Jesus, these two disciples get up and walk the whole way back. They cannot keep this to themselves. They have a piece of the puzzle, and they need to share it.

When they arrive in Jerusalem, they discover something wonderful: they are not the only ones with news. The eleven and the others are already gathered, and the first words out of their mouths are these: “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Simon Peter has his own piece of the puzzle. The women at the tomb had theirs.

Others had gone to verify the women’s report. And now Cleopas and his companion bring their piece—the road, the conversation, the breaking of the bread. Nobody has the complete picture. But as each one shares, the fuller story of the resurrection comes into view. This is the life of the church as we gather.

We share what God has done. We listen. And in the telling and the hearing, we see a bigger, richer, more beautiful picture of our risen Lord than any one of us could see alone.

Discussion Questions

1. What piece of your own faith story might encourage someone else if you shared it?
2. Why is it important that the disciples immediately went to share their experience with others?
3. How does your congregation help you see a fuller picture of who Jesus is?

Closing Prayer

Risen Lord, fill us with the same urgency that sent the disciples running back to Jerusalem. Give us the courage to share what You have done in our lives, and give us the humility to listen as others share their stories too. Gather us together so that we might see You more clearly. Amen.

Family Action Item

Share your “piece of the puzzle” with someone this week. Tell a family member, friend, or neighbor about one specific way God has worked in your life. It does not have to be dramatic—even a small moment of grace is worth sharing.