



Intro: Welcome today we kick off a new sermon series entitled Walk it Out. Last week we celebrated Easter, Resurrection Sunday. Maybe you gave your life to Jesus last week and you have no idea what comes next. Maybe you've been coming to church your entire life but would admit it feels more like tradition, ritual, maybe even expectation than desire. NO matter how you got here you are in the right place. The truth of the matter is no matter who you are or how you got here there is MORE that God has for you to experience of and in HIM.

He didn't die on that cross and rise from the dead so that you could simply say a prayer and go to church. He did that to give you a NEW LIFE. Now it's time to WALK IT OUT!

Fact: God's not always going to live up to YOUR expectations! How will you respond in those moments?

Will you give up? Will you walk away...or will you walk it out and grow?

Luke 24:13-25 “**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 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.

Vs. 13-21

- Jesus is always there in our midst, we just don’t recognize his presence. (Vs. 13-15)
- We are blinded by our faulty understanding, opinions, & preferences. (Vs. 16-20)
- Do we stand in faith on God’s Word or in hope of our desires? (vs. 21)

Vs. 26-27 Are we willing to embrace correction? Are we willing to grow spiritually?

- Jesus challenged their perspective
- Jesus expanded their understanding
- Jesus WALKED THEM THROUGH THE WORD!

If we are going to grow spiritually and truly experience the power of the new life he died and rose to give us we must allow HIM to teach us through HIS WORD.

Vs. 28 Jesus is always ready, willing and desiring for us to go further!

Conclusion:

Vs. 29-35 Break bread daily with Jesus. Commune with Him. Fellowship with Him.

- Study His Word
- Enjoy His presence
- Walk it out with a friend
- Share what God has done in your life with others!