

**NOTES: On the Road | Emmaus**  
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***Jesus is Alive!***  
***Today is Easter Sunday - the Resurrection of our Lord!***  
***Thank you for coming to celebrate that Jesus is alive!***

A good conversation brings:

- Clarity
- Comfort
- Closeness

We often kill conversations by trying to save, fix, and set people straight so they believe like us.

We struggle with being good listeners.

Yet the need for real relationships has never been more critical.

- 20 million people monthly talk to an AI companion.
- 72 percent of all teens have had an AI conversation.
- 55 billion minutes of TV streaming each day
- Loneliness is an epidemic that produces physical and mental health risks.

***A conversation can adjust the direction of a life.***

**Luke 24:13-35 NIV**

Let's talk about the disciples and the impact these conversations made upon their lives.

**DUTY – DESIRE – DELIGHT**

1. They were journeying from Jerusalem, and they were there for the Passover. It was a custom to invite a traveler in for a meal. A kind of DUTY.
2. They recognized Jesus while eating, and he left. Immediately, they went back to Jerusalem to see him. It was their DESIRE. It was not their Duty.
3. They found the disciples and, with delight, shared their new perspective from a conversation. Their desires for the Risen Christ led to DELIGHTING!

Then Jesus speaks:

“While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

“They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures” (Luke 24:36-41NIV)

So I am going to ask us:

- Do we love Jesus, serve him, come to Easter, because of DUTY or DESIRE?
- Are we like the disciples?

***We think the purpose of Jesus is to come and relieve our suffering,  
but He came to redeem our lives through His suffering.***

Jesus is so full of grace during all these conversations. So full of love. So full of desire for them and us.

The revelation of Jesus took some time before their eyes were open. How much more time do you need?

It might be time to have a conversation with Jesus. As we sing this last song, talk to the Savior, not out of duty, but desire, and the most important relationship of all, is going to be a delight.

