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The God Story

The Concluding Part



➡ *"I never graduate from the gospel... the gospel continues to disciple me."*



The Walk to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-19)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, **Jesus himself came near** and went with them, **but their eyes were kept from recognizing him**. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?"

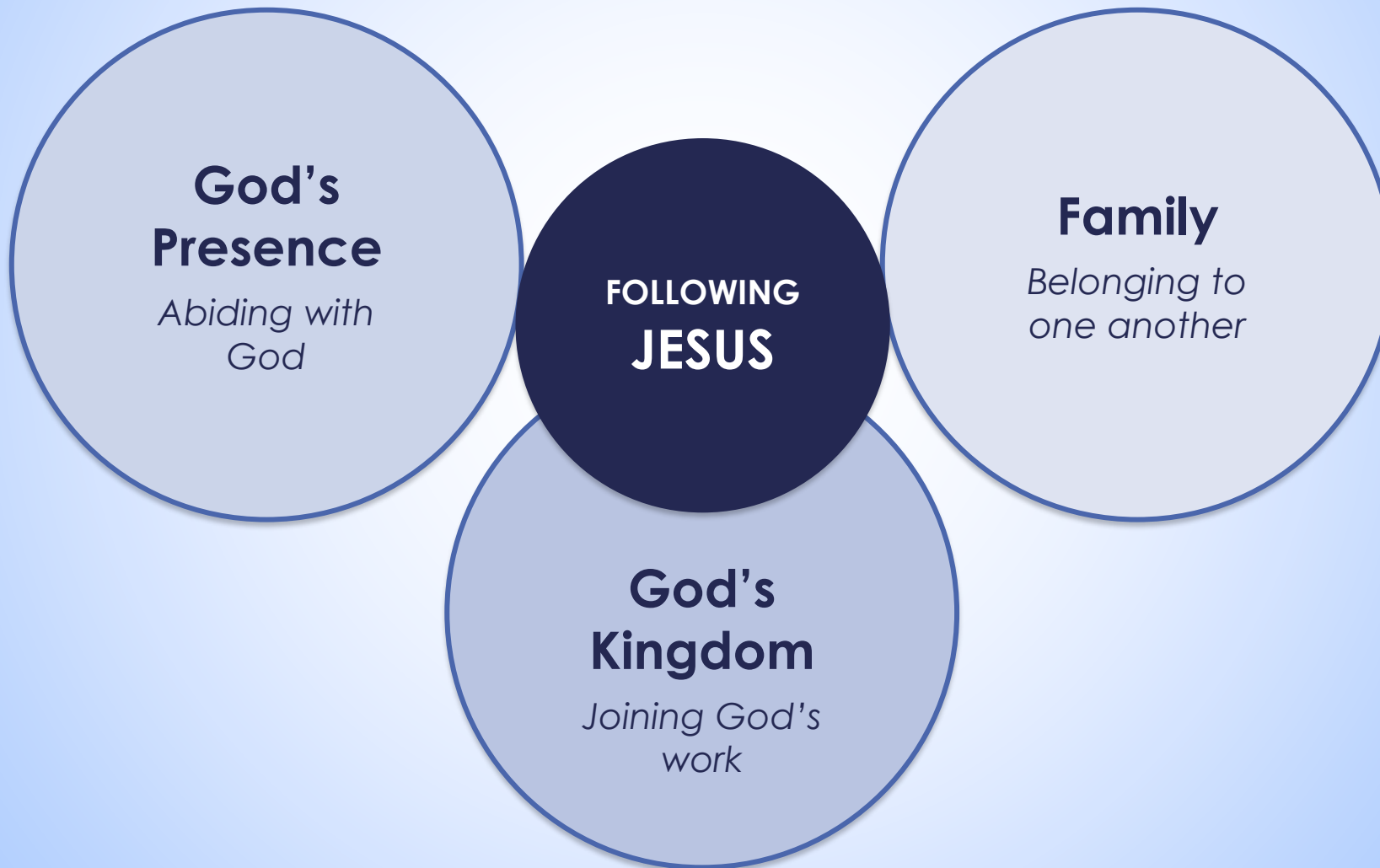
The Walk to Emmaus (Luke 24:25-27)

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

The Walk to Emmaus (Luke 24:28-35)

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So, he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.....Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Key themes of the God Story & Discipleship





Presence

Creation

The Fall

Abraham

Moses

Israel

Exile



Presence

Jesus Birth

Jesus Life

Crucifixion

The Church

Revelation

Family

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- *“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”* Genesis 2:18
- *“You shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”* Exodus 19 vs 6
- *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future....* Jer 29 vs 11-14

Family

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- *“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” Luke 2 vs 49*
- *“Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.” Mark 3 vs 34-35*
- *I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:22-23*

Acts will go on to tell the story of a people so broken open by the Spirit that they will go places their feet have never gone (width) to form families with people they previously have never known (depth), or wanted to know.

There has never been any other community or citizenship on the earth like the Church. A people transcending every cultural barrier, joined not by status or nationality, but by belief in a crucified God, Jesus Christ.

Kingdom

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“ The kingdom of God is the place where God is acknowledged as King; where God’s will and God’s ways are realized. Or another way to put it is, the kingdom of God will always look like King Jesus.”

Kingdom

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- ➡ I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;....
and all peoples on earth, will be blessed through you.”
Gen 12 2-3
- ➡ “In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. Daniel 2:44
- ➡ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Luke 2vs10

Kingdom

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- ➡ “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations... Matt 28 vs 20
- ➡ During his three years of ministry on earth, Jesus had revealed the kingdom. Now through his death and resurrection he was handing the keys of the kingdom on to his followers. They would carry his authority into the world, embodying Jesus' love and power in their own lives.”

Kingdom

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- ➡ The Church is a colony of heaven. A community that both acts as a signpost to the eternal kingdom to come and demonstrates that kingdom availability now.
- ➡ Those who love Jesus can walk in the power of the Spirit – proclaiming the kingdom with their words, embodying the kingdom through their acts of mercy and demonstrating the kingdom through signs and wonders.”



The God Story- Epilogue

1. That you will know and love the author

First and foremost, we are not the seekers or the lovers, rather we are the sought and the beloved

2. That you might find your story in God's big story

Our real-life stories only truly find meaning when they are connected to the very source of our lives and the wider unfolding drama into which we were born."

3. That you would tell and embody The God Story

Hearts burning and minds renewed, their feet ran with resurrection, telling their own story of encounter with the risen Jesus."