

**5-Day Devotional: When You Don't See Him**  
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**Day 1: Disappointment Doesn't Disqualify You**

Reading: Luke 24:13-24

Devotional: The two disciples walking to Emmaus carried the weight of shattered expectations. "We were hoping..." are some of the saddest words in Scripture. Perhaps you've uttered similar words recently. You prayed for healing, restoration, or breakthrough and nothing seemed to happen. Here's the truth: disappointment is not a spiritual failure. It's a human response to unmet expectations. God doesn't reject you for feeling disappointed; He draws near in those moments. Your honest questions don't push Him away but they invite deeper conversation. Today, bring your disappointments to Jesus. He's not intimidated by your "we were hoping" moments. He walks closest when your heart is heaviest.

Reflection: What disappointment has clouded your vision of God's presence lately?

**Day 2: Presence Before Understanding**

Reading: Psalm 139:1-12

Devotional: "Where can I go from Your Spirit?" David asks not as someone trying to escape, but as someone marveling at God's inescapable presence. The Emmaus disciples couldn't recognize Jesus, but He was there, nonetheless. This is the foundation of faith: God's presence doesn't depend on your perception. You may not understand what He's doing. You may not feel His nearness. You may question if He's listening. But understanding is not a prerequisite for His presence. He is with you in the confusion, in the waiting, in the silence. Before clarity comes, before answers arrive, before breakthrough manifests. He is there. Your inability to see Him doesn't diminish His commitment to walk with you.

Reflection: How does knowing God is present—even when unseen—change your perspective today?

**Day 3: Faith for the Next Step**

Reading: Psalm 119:105-112

Devotional: "Your word is a lamp to my feet"—not a floodlight illuminating the entire journey, but a lamp for the next step. God rarely shows us the complete picture upfront. He gives us enough light for obedience, not enough for comfort. This requires trust. The disciples couldn't see the full revelation while walking; it came at the right time. Similarly, God's timing in your life is purposeful. He's not withholding information to frustrate you; He's revealing truth to transform you. Today, you may not see next month, next year, or the outcome. But you have enough light for today. Take the next faithful step. Keep moving forward. As you walk, the light moves with you.

Reflection: What is the "next step" God is calling you to take in faith today?

#### **Day 4: Your Heart Knows Before Your Eyes See**

Reading: Luke 24:25-32

Devotional: "Did not our heart burn within us?" The disciples' hearts recognized what their eyes couldn't see. Something was stirring deep within them even before full revelation came. God often speaks to your heart before He reveals to your eyes. That unexplainable peace in the storm, that quiet assurance when logic says panic, that gentle stirring during worship. These are signs of His presence. Don't dismiss what's happening in your heart just because you can't yet see it with your eyes. God is working beneath the surface, preparing you for revelation. The burning heart precedes the opened eyes. Pay attention to what God is doing internally while you wait for external confirmation. Your heart may already know what your mind hasn't grasped.

Reflection: What has been stirring in your heart lately that you haven't fully acknowledged?

#### **Day 5: From Walking Away to Running Back**

Reading: Luke 24:33-35; Matthew 28:16-20

Devotional: The same disciples who walked away in confusion ran back in conviction. Once their eyes were opened, everything changed. The journey that began in disappointment ended in declaration. This is the pattern of faith: confusion gives way to clarity, questions lead to revelation, and walking away transforms into running toward. You may feel like you're walking away from hope right now, but one moment of revelation will change your direction. Jesus promises, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Always means in disappointment and discovery, in confusion and clarity, in walking away and running back. Today, choose to believe that the God you cannot see is still faithful. Your story isn't over because revelation is coming.

Reflection: How will you live today in light of Christ's promise to be with you always?