



I STILL BELIEVE

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MATTHEW 18:2-4

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³ And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

QUOTE

Man fallen away from
God has a bias against God.

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LUKE 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;

LUKE 24:13-35

¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named

Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

LUKE 24:13-35

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

LUKE 24:13-35

²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

LUKE 24:13-35

²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

LUKE 24:13-35

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

LUKE 24:13-35

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

LUKE 24:13-35

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

THOUGHT

Sometimes we fail to see Jesus through our
circumstances.

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LUKE 24:16

but they were kept from recognizing him.

TRUTH

When God does things differently than we expect that doesn't mean He is no longer present.

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TRUTH

Sometimes our most difficult moments are
accomplishing the greatest good in our lives.



TRUTH

We are not always privy to or informed about
God's plans

QUESTION

What situation is causing you to doubt God or walk in unbelief?

TRUTH

Unbelief causes spiritual separation from God
and if we're not careful that temporary
separation can have eternal consequences.

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CAUSES OF UNBELIEF

1. Ignorance

1. Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

CAUSES OF UNBELIEF

2. Lack of conviction
 2. Romans 3:3 What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness?
3. Worldly wisdom

CAUSES OF UNBELIEF

4. Deceitfulness of sin

4. Hebrews 3:12-13 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.



TRUTH

Knowing about Jesus doesn't mean we really
know Him.

LUKE 24:27

And beginning with *Moses* and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF

- Through His word
- Through proximity
- Through His actions

LUKE 24:36-49

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?³⁹ 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.”

LUKE 24:36-49

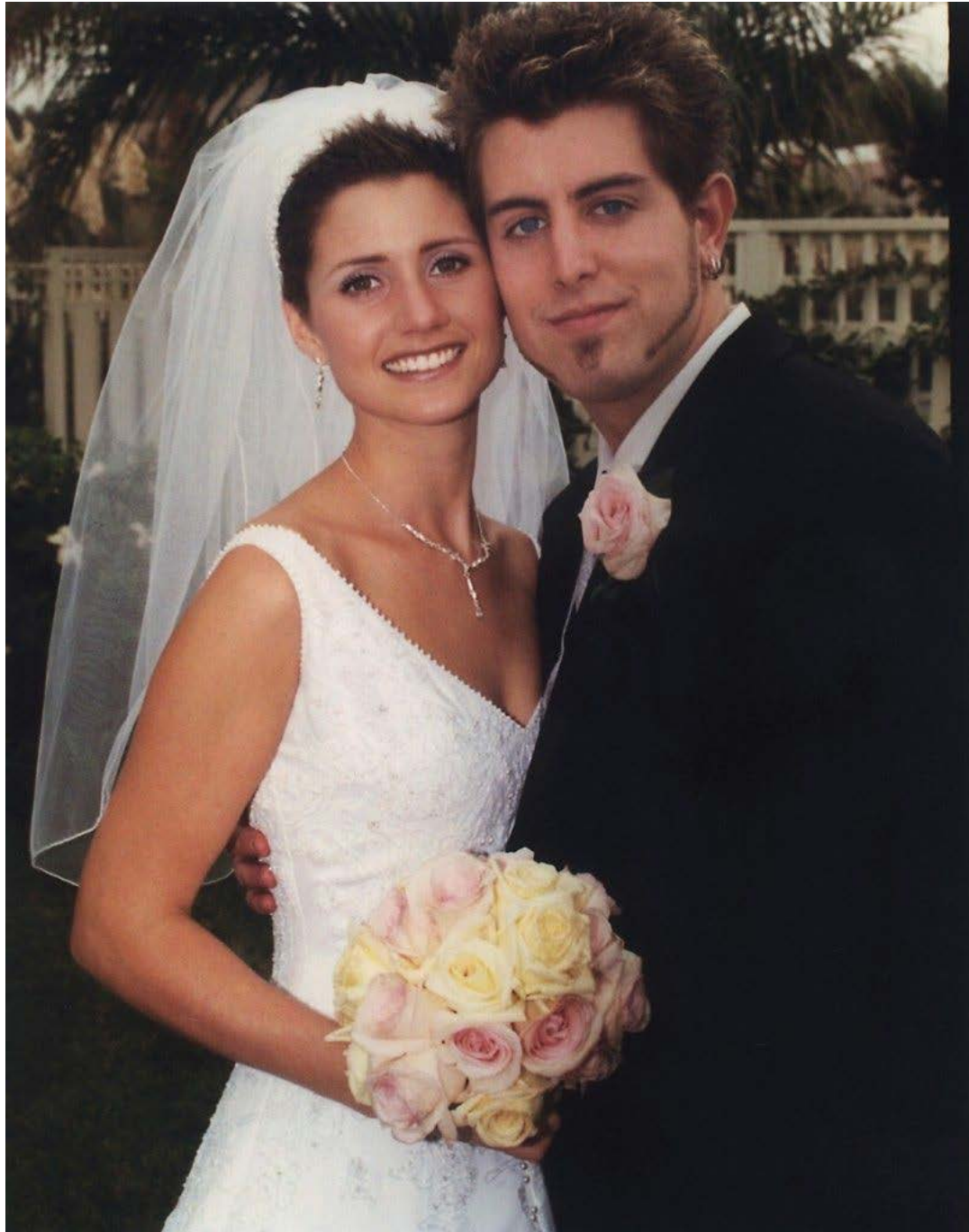
⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

LUKE 24:36-49

⁴⁴ 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.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

LUKE 24:36-49

⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”



ISAIAH 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.