

● WARM UP

During a recent holiday break I took quite a few walks with my wife Susan - partly to wear off some of that holiday eating. I do enjoy a good walk and have noticed something happens when you walk with someone. As you walk and talk together you learn from each other. It's also a great way to slow down from the '100 miles an hour' pace we tend to live at, and take some time to communicate and think. Often as we walked Susan and I would talk over the things we felt God was saying to us.

A couple of weeks after this the Lord spoke to me and said, "Teach my people how to walk with Me." I understood God was not just saying to teach His people how to live right, as important as that is, but He was asking me to teach His people how to walk and talk and journey through life with Him.



● READ Luke 24:13-33

● BACKGROUND

These two guys teach us some interesting things about walking with Jesus. Firstly, God is often closer than we realise. That is encouraging to me! Jesus was there on the road with them but their eyes were constrained. Maybe today you feel like God is a million miles away in the challenges you are facing but, friend, He is closer than you think. Like these two guys, ask God to open your eyes to where He is at work in your life.

Secondly, we learn that the longer we walk with God the clearer things become. These guys had just experienced a major disappointment. The Messiah they had been hoping would save them had been killed. They didn't understand why God had allowed this to happen. Maybe today you face a 'why God?' moment. Don't throw in the towel. Keep walking, keep talking, keep seeking and keep reading. Jesus showed them in the scriptures what God was doing and restored their hope.

Thirdly, we see that we catch His heart as we walk with Him. *"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road..."* As these two walked with Jesus their hearts began to catch a Kingdom passion. I believe as we walk with God we will catch His heart.

● QUESTIONS

- 1 What do you think stopped these guys from knowing they were walking with Jesus?
- 2 Do you think the men believed what their women told them? (verses 22 & 23) What was Jesus' response? (verse 25)

- 3 What were some of the things they picked up from Jesus as they walked with Him for those seven miles?

- 4 What has God been saying to you lately as you walk with Him?

● CONSIDER THIS

Enoch walked with God after he became a father. Genesis 5 tells us that for the first 65 years of life he existed like everyone else but then he had a son and began to walk with God. Perhaps as Enoch looked at that little son in his hands a revelation awoke in his spirit of how much his heavenly Father loved him, and he began to walk with God. Adam, the father of humanity, walked with God in the cool of the garden. Noah, the second father of humanity, walked with God. Abraham, the father of faith, walked with God.

What is God saying to me?

● LET'S PRAY

● REAL LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S POWER



About 13 years ago I was involved in a motor accident and my right shoulder and right arm were damaged. About 10 years ago I went to a Bill Subritzky meeting. At the end of the meeting Bill asked anybody who had anything wrong to stand up. I stood up and he prayed. I didn't feel anything, nothing happened, but the next morning I found out that my arm had grown about two inches and it has been right ever since. Praise God. John