Revive 25 – Fully to Christ for all that he is – Fully alive to his mercy – grace – love (outrageous love even in our weakness) – Pursuit (longing in his heart), Value (encounter pricelss treasure and the things of this world pale in comparison ), HOPE , beauty (fascinated)– presence – plans -

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Christmas Miracle story –

Pray and Watch 4 Global Days of Prayer Video

**If we want to see Revival this year, where we come fully alive in 25 – I want to give us three things from our text today Luke 24:13-35 – first Read and Pray the Word of God second Take Communion and third Surrender – hand over your life to Jesus!**

**Luke 24:13-35**

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14**and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15**While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. **16**But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. **17**And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. **18**Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” **19**And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, **20**and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. **21**But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. **22**Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, **23**and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. **24**Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” **25**And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! **26**Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” **27**And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

**28**So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, **29**but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. **30**When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. **31**And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. **32**They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” **33**And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, **34**saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” **35**Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**This is the one the greatest stories in the Word of God!**

Two men walking -One was named Cleopas – lets all him Cleo for short and apparently heading home – 7 miles walk from Jerusalem – about 2hr walk – they were disappointed and heading in the wrong direction - They're walking away from Jerusalem, they're going away from the promise. Their hearts are broken, It's over. They watched him die on Friday. There is no future, therefore they have no faith. And I guess there coming to quote boys to men, the end of the road. I thought about singing it

And Luke tells us that Jesus himself drew near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he asked them a question, what is this conversation that you're holding with each other as you walk?

stopped in their tracks their faces downcast, their hearts disappointed. Their dreams dashed on the rocks of the reality of the death of the one they thought might be the Messiah.

they are standing next to hope, but they have no hope. And they are standing next to power, but they feel weak and they are headed home returning back to what's familiar because their faith has been hung on a cross and sentenced to die. And all of a sudden on the road, this seven mile road where they're returning back home, here comes Jesus. But he doesn't fully reveal himself. He just ask a question, what y'all talking about? And they stop with their backs toward Jerusalem, headed toward Emmaus, and they say, well, we're talking about this guy named Jesus, y'all. That's funny. They start to tell Jesus about Jesus. They start to explain to the author about the book

Are you the only person in Jerusalem who doesn't know what's been going on over the past few days? - where in the world have you been?

Jesus didn't answer the question precisely and directly either the one that was specific or the one that was implied. But had he answered that question, I think the answer would've been something like this.

He could have said to them, I'm the one on this planet who understands comprehensively every single thing that has happened in the last few days …let me start. Thursday night I was with some of my friends and we celebrated the Passover together. And after that, I went into the darkness to the garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. And I prayed so intensely that I was sweating drops of blood begging my father concerning the mission he had set before me.

And when that prayer was finished, there in the darkness of the night, I was met by a company of soldiers carrying torches and swords and led by a former friend who came up and gave to me the kiss of death. And they arrested me. And then they took me into the city and they sent me back and forth between the Jewish authorities and the Roman authorities until finally I was put on trial and after my interrogation, he said to those who were standing by, I find no fault in him, he was about to release me. But the screaming crowd began to cry for my blood. And they said, crucify him. And being a politician driven by expediency… Pontious pilot surrendered to the voices of the crowd, had me scourged and beaten and crowned with a crown of thorns, and then led off out of the city of Jerusalem, outside the camp outside of Zion, to a barren hillside, where I was executed by crucifixion, but I was not simply executed as a criminal to satisfy blood thirsty men. But I was subjected to the unmitigated wrath of God, where before his face I was forsaken and he placed upon me his holy curse and counted me as sin, as he placed upon me the sins of the human race -something that no human being had ever been asked to endure in the history of this world. And finally it ended. It was finished, and I gave up spirit and handed OVER my soul and my spirit to the care of my father and I died.

And they took me down from the cross. And instead of burying me in the traditional place of disposal – in the burning garbage pile just outside of Jerusalem in a place called Gehenna, somebody interceded on my behalf, that as God had promised his servant would not suffer corruption, I was entrusted into the hands of a secret disciple whose name was Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man who owned a marvelous garden in which I was entombed.

And they took my broken body and placed it on the ground and wrapped it in grave clothes and anointed me with spices and posted a guard in front of the cave that was also guarded by a huge stone that was rolled in front of it. And there I was a corpse in the ground. And early this morning, a cosmic burst of creative power supernaturally came upon me, returned my soul to my body. My brain waves began to operate anew, my heart began to beat and was pulsating with blood driving through my veins and arteries. And I opened my eyes alive. And by the power of God, I was able to escape from the binding grave cloths that held me there. And angels came and rolled the stone away, and I walked out into the dawn alive for evermore

And where have you been for the last few days? as far as Luke gives his record, he doesn't tell us any of that…. In fact he responds by rebuking them for their unbelief -

“o foolish ones and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken? Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures, the things concerning himself”

2hr sermon from Jesus himself – where Jesus talks about Jesus, Jesus preaches Jesus from the Old Testament Scriptures – the Living Word opened up the Written Word and the response they share towards the end of the txt – “were not our hearts burning within us when he opened up the Scriptures to us”

There hearts were revived – God’s word causes life to spring forth – Jesus said his words were Spirit and life –living bread – increase faith – EVEN for CLEO – it changes us on the inside -the knowledge of God is imparted to by the Spirit through long and loving meditation on the Word of God –

Bible Revival – where the Spirit of God uses God’s Word to REVIVE – to awaken god’s people back to God’s Son for all that HE IS !

Read the Word – how – who is God –

your reading this book thinking it’s about you – its actually about God – it’s for you but it’s not about you – what is the lens you are reading Scripture through – read it again and stop looking for yourself start looking for God – what does he love, what does he hate – what motivates himto do what he does

Power of 4 those who read the Bible at least four times a week are less likely to engage in behaviors such as gambling, pornography, getting drunk, and sex outside marriage.

* Pray the Word – personal – meditated on the word – **example of your wife –**

**Blessed** is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**2** but his delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on his law he meditates day and night.

**3** He is like a tree

planted by streams of water

that **yields its fruit** in its season,

and its **leaf does not wither**.

In all that he does, **he prospers**.

Lifestyle – day and night take it everywhere take our phones – instead of scrolling (doom scrolling) it’s this this this … flip pages …

Pray the Word – make it personal – not just information – turn it into a personal dialogue with the Lord -

* what happens when you meditate on God’s Word – I want to use an example from food – when you eat an orange you see the orange but you don’t see the calcium – when you eat an banana you see the banana but you don’t see the potassium – if you didnm’t know the vitamin C or the potassium was in the fruit you would still get the benefits from it – as long as you eat the orange and you will the banana = it’s the invisible stuff that really affects your health – in the same way the Bible is filled with invisible stuff, 😊 even the parts of the bible that you read and you don’t understand – it’s the invisible stuff that is getting on the inside of you – called the Spirit of the Living God, the DNA of God – as you read and meditate on the Word all the invisible DNA of God is getting on the inside of you – that’s why it renews your mind – it is transforms you more and more into the image and likeness of Jesus!
* I’ve already read this before … ask for illumination …

And sometimes we need to battle for this things with hunger -

* God gives me promises in his Word to get me from here to there but Paul warns us and says those promises are swords – which tells me what – there is a fight between here and there – there is a conflict between here and there and I want there brought to me –
* football and Kristie asked me do you want something to eat and I said sure I am starving, 😊 and she goes into and brings me a sandwich – I wasn’t starving enough to go get off the couch to get it myself – I wasn’t hungry enough to go make it myself – but I was hungry if it was brough to me – a lot of this kingdom stuff we handle well if it’s brough to us but we don’t always know how to pay the price to go get it!

If you don’t fill your mind with God’s Word the enemy will fill it with stress, worry, doubt and temptation, etc..

BUSY EXAMPLE - I can do it all – I can do it all – I can get it all done - you can’t continue to pour out – unless in the presence of God in the Word of God you fill up

and what many of us say is I don’t have time I don’t have time – but let me tell you – you have time for what you choose to have time for – period – no excuses – you have time for what you choose that have time for – there is no such thing as intimacy without intentionality – we have to intentionally spend time with God in his Word to grow in our relationship with the Lord! You cannot busy your way to God – you can’t continue to pour out if you don’t fill up with the Word of God!

Read it and Pray it!

Pray the Word Booklet

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Power of the Cross – Jesus reveals himself in the breaking of bread

Paradidimai –

“how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Judas was the one who handed him over to the Sanhedrin

The Sanhedrin handed him over to Caiaphas, their high priest.

Their high priest. Caiaphas handed him over to Pilate, the Roman governor

Pilate handed him over to Herod, who after he mocked him and made sport of him,

handed him over Pilate to be crucified.

In Jesus last word on the cross he declares, “into your hands I commit my Spiri … he handed his life over to the Father

At his resurrection I am sure Jesus looks over at the devil

Whats in your hand -

1. [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](https://ref.ly/logosres/esv?ref=BibleESV.Lk24.20&off=2&ctx=d+all+the+people%2c+20~%C2%A0and+c%EF%BB%BFhow+our+chief) (Lk 24:20). (2016). Crossway Bibles. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)