

On the Road to a Confident Faith

Luke 24:13-41

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I. Lack of confidence in God results in:

1. Blindness

Luke 24:11 – “*but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.*”

Luke 24:12 – “*But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.*”

Luke 24:15-16 - “*While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.*”

2. Discouragement

Luke 24:21 – “*But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel...*”

3. Practical atheism

Luke 24:21 – “*...Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.*”

II. Because Jesus is alive, I can have confidence in His:

1. Promises

Luke 24:25 – “*And He said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ’*”

2 Corinthians 1:20 – “*For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ...*”

Luke 24:27 – “*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*”

Romans 10:13 – “Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

John 10:10 – “Jesus said, ‘I have come that you might have life...to the fullest.’”

Nehemiah 8:10 – “The joy of the Lord will be your strength.”

1 Peter 1:3 – “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

2. Power

Luke 24:26 – “Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?”

John 16:7 – “Jesus said, ‘...it is to your advantage that I go away...I will send the Helper (The Spirit) to you.’”

Philippians 4:13 – “I have strength for all things in the One who is strengthening me.”

3. Purpose

Luke 24:32 – “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?’”

Luke 24:34 – “(they were) saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’”

Going Deeper This Week

1. Read Luke 24:13-35. What about this story strikes you as important, raises questions, or causes curiosity?
2. These two people on the road ended up wonderfully surprised after a season of pain. When have you recently been surprised by God in a moment or after a season of disappointment? How did it impact the way that you worshipped God?
3. Why do you think the Lord is often slow to reveal Himself in certain seasons or situations?
4. Read Luke 24:25-27. Why do you think Jesus takes the time to re-explain the scriptures to these men instead of just revealing who He was?
5. In what specific ways do you sense God stirring you to live with confidence?
6. Read the following scriptures concerning confidence and use one or more scriptures to pray for one another. Psalm 118:8, Proverbs 14:26, Philippians 1:6, James 4:10, and Hebrews 4:16. Pray for each other to grow in confidence in God and His plan.