

***“The Rebirth of Hope”***  
**Luke 24:13-35**

## **1 Corinthians 15:16-19**

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

## **Luke 24:13-24**

And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them. But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. And He said to them, “What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?” And they stood still, looking sad. One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, “Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?” And He said to them, “What things?” And they said to Him, “The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of

death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. 22 But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also 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 exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.”

“The one factor most strongly predictive of suicide is not how sick the person is, nor how many symptoms he exhibits, nor how much physical pain he is suffering, nor whether he is rich or poor. The most dangerous factor is a person's sense of hopelessness. The man without hope is the likeliest candidate for suicide. ... We cannot live without hope.” -Aaron Kheriaty

*“What oxygen is to the lungs, such is hope to the meaning of life.” - Emil Brunner*

## **Luke 24:25-27**

25 And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” 27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

## **Genesis 3:15**

“He shall bruise you on the head and you shall bruise Him on the heel.”

## **Psalm 22:1**

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?



## **Isaiah 53:3,4**

“He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And like one from whom men hide their face. He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted.”

*"...If we consider...the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us...like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." - C.S. Lewis*

***“God’s Unexpected Pathway to Joy”***

1. God Wants to Bless Us

2. An Encounter with God is what we want  
But we don't know it.

*We dream lower dreams and think there are none higher. The greatest blessing is no longer the blessing of a good life. It never was. It is now the blessing of an encounter with God.*

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3. Through the pain of shattered lower dreams,  
we wake up to the realization that we want an  
encounter with God more than we want the  
blessings of life.

*“Our shattered dreams are never random.  
They are always a piece in a larger puzzle, a  
chapter in a larger story.”*

*- Larry Crabb*

## **Luke 24:28-32**

28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. 29 But they urged Him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So He went in to stay with them. 30 When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”

## **1 Cor. 15:55-57**

“O death, where you victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin and power of sin is the Law; but thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”



*“What He’s doing while we suffer is leading us into the depths of our being, into the center of our soul where we feel our strongest passions. It’s there that we discover our desire for God. We begin to feel a desire to know Him that not only survives all our pain, but actually thrives in it until that desire becomes more intense than our desire for all the good things we still want. Through the pain of shattered lower dreams, we wake up to the realization that we want an encounter with God more than we want the blessings of life. And that begins a revolution in our lives.” - Larry Crabb*

## **Luke 24:33-35**

33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, 34 saying, “The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon.”  
35 They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

