



Hope is Alive

We Can Still Live With Joy and Peace

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THE BIG IDEA: We can experience the joy and peace of Jesus when we are walking with Him in relationship.

TWO SELF-REFLECTIVE QUARANTINE QUESTIONS:

I. IS THE TONE OF MY CONVERSATION HOPEFUL?

"I'm a millennial feeling overwhelmingly hopeless lately.... Life feels meaningless."

- Everything Is on Fire

- They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. - Luke 24:14
- Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. - Luke 24:15b-16
- He [Jesus] asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"
- Luke 24:17
- "WE HAD HOPED that he [Jesus] was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day... - Luke 24:21
- Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he [Jesus] explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning HIMSELF. - Luke 24:27b
- ... on the third day HE will restore us, that we may live in HIS presence. - Hosea 6:2
- YOU will fill me with joy in YOUR PRESENCE... Restore to me the joy of YOUR SALVATION...
- Psalm 16:11b; 51:12a NIV
- "Stay with us..." - Luke 24:29a
- "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures?" - Luke 24:32
- THEY GOT UP and returned at once to Jerusalem...told what had happened on the way...
- Luke 24:35a

II. WHAT IS JESUS REVEALING TO ME ABOUT HIMSELF?

JESUS reveals Himself in 3 distinct ways:

1) IN THE SCRIPTURES

Then HE OPENED THEIR MINDS so they could understand THE SCRIPTURES.

- Luke 24:45

2) IN THE SACRAMENTS

When he was at the table with them, HE TOOK BREAD, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. THEN THEIR EYES WERE OPENED and they recognized him... - Luke 24:30-31a

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. - Psalm 23:5a

3) IN THE SCARS

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "PEACE BE WITH YOU."..."Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?" ...When he had said this, HE SHOWED THEM HIS HANDS AND FEET. - Luke 24:36b, 38, 40

*Every scar has a story and every story matters to God.
What is your scar story?*

- "You will grieve, but your grief will turn to JOY." - Jesus, John 16:20 NIV
- Weeping may endure for a night, but JOY comes in the morning. - Psalm 30:5b NKJV
- The disciples were OVERJOYED WHEN THEY SAW THE LORD. - John 20:20 NIV
- May the God of HOPE FILL YOU with all JOY and PEACE as you trust in him, so that you may OVER FLOW WITH HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13 NIV
- "You are my witnesses of these things." - Luke 24:48
- When he had led them out... - Luke 24:50a
- You will go out in JOY and be led forth in PEACE. - Isaiah 55:12
- ... He lifted up his [scared] hands and blessed them. - Luke 24:50b
- Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem WITH GREAT JOY. - Luke 24:52