

## ROAD MAN #5

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*"Point me down your highway, GOD; direct me along a well-lighted street; show my enemies whose side you're on. Don't throw me to the dogs, those liars who are out to get me, filling the air with their threats. I'm sure now I'll see God's goodness in the exuberant earth. Stay with GOD! Take heart. Don't quit. I'll say it again: Stay with GOD."* Psalm 27:11-14 MSG

### ON THE ROAD TO GOD ...

I NEED \_\_\_\_\_ AT TIMES. ("Point me"/"direct me")

I NEED \_\_\_\_\_ AT TIMES. ("show my enemies")

I NEED \_\_\_\_\_ AT TIMES. ("I'm sure I'll see")

I NEED \_\_\_\_\_ AT TIMES. ("Take heart/don't quit.")

*"I waited and waited and waited for GOD. At last he looked; finally he listened. He lifted me out of the ditch, pulled me from deep mud. He stood me up on a solid rock to make sure I wouldn't slip. He taught me how to sing the latest God-song, a praise-song to our God. More and more people are seeing this: they enter the mystery, abandoning themselves to GOD."* Psalm 40:1-3 MSG

### WHEN YOU'RE HOPE IS TAKEN...THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

*"Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." And they remembered His words, and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them."* Luke 24:5-11 NASB

HOPE \_\_\_\_\_.

*"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."* Luke 24:13-14 NASB

HOPE \_\_\_\_\_.

*"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?"<sup>19</sup> 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."* Luke 24:15-20 NASB

HOPE \_\_\_\_\_.

*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. But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. 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."* Luke 24:21-24 NASB

**HOPE** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And He said to them, ‘O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.” Luke 24:25-27 NASB*

**HOPE** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. 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. 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. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. 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?’” Luke 24:28-33 NASB*

**HOPE** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, saying, ‘The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon.’ They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.” Luke 24:33-35 NASB*

**TO EXPERIENCE OUR LIVING HOPE WE NEED ...**

**PERSONAL** \_\_\_\_\_.

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*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3 NASB*

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

**WHY IS IT NECESSARY FOR GOD TO SHOW UP AT TIMES TANGIBLY IN OUR LIVES?**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE “SET UP” OF HIS FOLLOWERS BEFORE HE ACTUALLY REVEALS HIMSELF? WHY DO YOU THINK HE DID IT THAT WAY?**

**HOW DOES THE CONVERSATION JESUS HAS WITH HIS MEN ABOUT BEING “FOOLISH,” “SLOW TO BELIEVE,” AND THE “SCRIPTURES” APPLY TO US?**

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT OUR EXPERIENCES OF HOPE WITH JESUS TURN INTO EXPRESSIONS OF OUR HOPE TO OTHERS?**

**HOW IS GOD “RESETTING” YOUR HOPE RIGHT NOW?**