

“Hope on the Road to Despair”

Luke 24:13-35 (p. 1218)
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Introduction

- All of us have experienced crushed dreams, times when hope dies.

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A. Traveling the Wrong Direction on the Road to Despair-- vv. 13-24

1. Characteristics of those with “downcast eyes”
 - a. Avoid fellowship with others.
 - b. Fail to recognize Christ’s presence or care.
 - c. Obsess over what has happened-- vv. 17-21
 - d. Refuse to accept the good, the positive.
2. The Cause of ‘downcast eyes’-- Why are we headed in the wrong direction?-- v. 21
Unfulfilled hopes and unmet expectations.
-- Proverbs 13:12

B. Turning Around: How Jesus turns these two around. -- vv. 25-27

1. Jesus challenges them to examine the basis of their expectations and says that the problem is that they have been selective in what they have believed.-- vv. 25-26
 - a. Failed to believe “ALL”
 - b. Prophets blended the suffering of Christ with His glory. -- 1 Peter 1:10-11
 - c. Jesus’ disciples believed only in the glory of Christ.
2. Jesus corrects their spiritual understanding by instructing them from the Old Testament Scriptures-- v. 27

C. Traveling the Right Direction with HOPE-- vv. 28-35

We know we have turned the corner spiritually and are going in the right direction when....

1. We want to spend more time with Jesus-- vv. 28-29
2. We see Jesus in our daily activities of life-- vv. 30-31
3. We experience a burning passion in studying God’s Word-- v. 32
4. We eagerly share the resurrected Christ with others-- v. 33-35