

EMMAUS ROAD
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INTRODUCTION

1. I want to tell you something God has laid on my own heart. I'm not original in any of the things I tell you. I stand still sometimes and listen as the Holy Spirit pours the Truth through me. I often go home saying, "Lord, help me to remember that." So, you can see how very much out of the picture I am. And I always feel quite humble when people present me, because there's nothing here of "poor" Follette but a wreck, that God has picked up and sees good to USE. So the Word that I bring to you; it is not original, it is not mine. NO ONE has any "corner" on Truth. NO CHURCH has any "corner" on Truth. NO ONE PERSON has any "corner" on Truth. BE VERY WARY of any group that feel THEY have the ULTIMATE. Be WARY about them. Truth is just too big. It's too tremendous. I've been moving in this circle for a number of years. God wonderfully filled me with the Holy Spirit, baptised me, 55 years ago. And ever since then, He has brought me into what I would call, A REALM OF SPIRITUAL REALITY. Now, I'm not talking about HEAVEN; I'm not talking about paradise; I'm talking about an experience which we may have RIGHT HERE AND NOW, before the Lord even takes us. It is possible for us to be conscious of what the NEW BIRTH REALLY HAS. The new birth is NOT taking us to heaven, the new birth is birthing us into a new conscious CONTACT WITH DIVINE REALITY. That's what the new birth does. It RELEASES US from the confines of an old Adamic set-up with ALL of it's heritage. Broken, ruined; it RELEASES us from that bondage, and our Spirits, praise God, ARE SET FREE. And we are LAUNCHED, as I would say, from a launching pad into orbit. That's right.
2. We're launched into orbit. How big a space? Well, don't try to answer dear. How great is this great and wonderful realm of Spiritual reality? Don't ask. I just know that for these many years, God has permitted me to make DISCOVERIES. I'm a SEARCHER. God put that in my heart. I can't live under the impact of what most people have. I really can't. God knew that. I've HAD my training in OTHER FIELDS. Good college and university training and philosophy, and all that field, seminary work and languages and Old Testament in Hebrew and the New in Greek...and I say PERIOD! Period. Period. That is only good as a TECHNIQUE. In itself it has NO POWER to bring the revelation that God wants to the HEART. For TRUTH is ONLY brought by a Spirit of REVELATION. The Holy Spirit who BREATHES this marvelous word is the One who can interpret it and reveal it. I do NOT depreciate education; I like it kept in it's field. Nothing against it. But when people bring that MECHANISM AND TECHNIQUE over into the realm of the Spirit and hope to get ANYWHERE, I always want to say, "Please don't waste your time!" Don't waste your time. That hasn't anything to do with what God can bring in the POWER of His Spirit. You USE IT MOST INCIDENTLY. It is MATERIAL which you may USE.
3. So, when I teach, I have no church back of me that I'm representing. "Well, what denomination?" Well I work with Pentecostal people. But, I am not confined to Acts 2:4. I want to bring you on and on, on and on, into a more fuller and complete revelation of what THAT opened the door to. That's your DOORSTEP. Don't sit down on your doorstep and say, "Isn't it wonderful!" Don't do that. Get UP and GO! Venture. so what I've been bringing to you; they are just little "scraps" to me, just little revelations, little "glimmerings" of light and Truth that I wish...I said to the Wells': I stay with the Wells, ...do you know what I wish this morning? I feel it in me? I wish I could sit down and work on some things God is showing me NOW in the Spirit. I just wish I could sit still all morning with a lexicon and the Holy Spirit and my Bible. But you see, I can't do that. But it comes in a mood like that. You can't say, "I will now receive a sermon." Well, you will receive a "lovely" bit of Truth, of course. That isn't it.
4. Isn't God wonderful. Look at this boy who led the music this morning. Who led the music this morning? Where are you? Who led the choir? Stick up your hand. He had to leave? Well, I'll tell it "behind his back." I wonder WHO told him to do that? You know, when I got up this morning, my whole thought was, "Oh, if I only dared, I ask Brother Boomstien to sing that lovely, HOLY, HOLY...." If he only would do it. Well, I got here and I

forgot to ask him, and I got on the platform and I thought, "O Lord, it's too late to ask, but I...that BELONGS in the service this morning!" Then if the choir didn't get up and (sing it) That was sweet. How many ever had the Lord do little sweet things for you? Do you? How many ever had the Lord do little sweet things like that? I thought that was so beautiful of Him. Well, he laid that on my heart that that should be in that service this morning; I knew that should be here. And I thought, "Well, we'll get it by singing it." And it was on my mind and I got visiting, and I thought, "O, I forgot to tell him." "You don't need to worry, I have the choir all ready, now sit still." So I sat still. Isn't He wonderful? Do you have Him do little nice things for you sometime which are just His peculiar business...or is He just such "a wonderful God! And just, "holy...holy..." Well, He's very Holy, but He comes down to our human level. Talks to us. A wonderful God, but a heavenly Father. Jesus is a great Redeemer, but He says, "I'm your brother." What a UNIQUE relationship. We don't really have much DARE in us to take our place where we should. Another place we don't like to take is that of a LITTLE CHILD. "Except ye become as a little child..." you'll never get in. With all that I have in my background, I always say, "Lord, I'm just a little child and You'll have to tell me." And I sit down, and I become a child. And I say, "What does that word mean, Lord? Tell me how this goes." Like a child! You know, He's wonderful. He can talk to children. I think He has more to say to them sometimes than a philosophical argument in meta-physics. I've been in THAT, and I know He's NOT THERE. But I know He's in His word, and when we become a little child, He will talk.

MESSAGE

1. This morning, I think what I want to do is to give you a little EXPOSITION. May I do that? That is, I'll take a scripture chapter, and read it with you, and tell you what it means to ME. By exposition, do you get me? Allright. Now you've read this chapter many, many, times, and now I want you to see as I read it with you, if you get another "slant." Or, another light, or a bit of Truth. Something that's in that chapter, that's been there all the time, and at the same time I want you to see this: In the most simple form of writing the word, God is very, very, careful to bring some tremendous background Truth in a few words almost INCIDENTALLY woven in. Incidentally. You say, "Why does He say it THAT way?" He HAS to say it that way. "Well it looks very CASUAL." There is NOTHING CASUAL in here. There is NOTHING ACCIDENTAL in here. Every part of it is PROFOUNDLY put together. That's why no human being could ever make a word like this. It is divinely inspired; put together. That's why even the way a word, a sentence, is phrased, may cover hundreds of years of history. Just three or four sentences will show the whole philosophic background of these people as they talk. The ANSWER that some of them will give is an exposition of their whole interior. We've been having a series in our Bible work this last week in the evenings discussing these facts: Questions which have been asked OF the Lord, and the answers that are GIVEN. But when you just read it as a casual story, you don't get anywhere. As I opened those questions and answers which looked so very CASUAL, how many of you found some new things which you had never, never, dreamed could be hidden away in it? And yet, they are all hidden away in there. "Did you catch any fish?" Well, look at the background back of all that. And the answer, "No." And you have your LAW. QUESTION, ANSWER, PLAT-FORM, BLESSING. And you can go through the whole word of God, and there is a unique pattern which He uses. Sometimes we find them sticking here and there.
2. I never write sermons. I've spoken from this passage, maybe a half-a-dozen times. Maybe somebody has it on paper, I don't know. But I never tell it the same. Now, your BASIC TRUTH is there, that never changes, but maybe all the incidentals that are WOVEN in; that will be quite different. I'm going to use an old text I've spoken of, and you have read it many times, but what I call exposition, as the Spirit opens it, that's what I want to give you this morning. It's the story of the two bewildered, disallusioned, disciples on their way to EMMAUS. How many remember that story? Isn't that a wonderful story? Those poor discouraged, bewildered disciples, going to their little Emmaus. And I want to talk about that this morning, because I think if we are very honest, we are all very human. Now, "Did you (Follette) ever make a mistake brother?" Yes, several. But I don't feel I have to confess them to you. I confess them to God who is merciful.

3. So I want to read this little story to you. And as we read along, we'll find they are very HUMAN in their reactions, and how MARVELOUS God is in His dealing with them. We'll take just...in the last chapter of Luke. Our lovely gospel, which savors so of the human. I'll begin at the thirteenth verse. "And behold, two of them..." These are the disciples after the resurrection, "Behold two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which from Jerusalem was about three-score furlongs." What do you think got them STARTED toward Emmaus? 'I don't know, it just said they went to Emmaus.' What provoked this journey? Pleasure trip? 'Well, it is just a lovely day; let's take a walk and go to Emmaus.' Now don't be so silly. What has happened? Why is it that they are leaving Jerusalem to go over to Emmaus? Don't you know there is a reason? Well, then that's what I want to get at. I'll take maybe two or three days working in here till I get ahold of that thing. Because there's a REASON, not a casual, "Let's take a walk." Oh fiddlely dee. Don't get anywhere that way. "And they decided to go to Emmaus." What has happened that they should suddenly desire to leave Jerusalem and go to Emmaus? The LIGHT has dawned upon them. They had had a vision, and a hope, and a dream. What is it? That this Messiah, who has come, and had done such tremendous teaching, and super tremendous miracles, would someday really SHOW HIMSELF AS a Messiah, and they would have a king, and clear up all the troubles. Poor Israel is merely a captive up in Jerusalem. She has no national recognition, she's lost all of that prestige. She is under, like a slave, of Rome. She's captive. She's push way back...her kingdom is LOST. She has a temple. That is the only thing that she has left. Her land...she has a lot of taxes to pay, and don't they know that in Rome. Taxes aren't new.
4. So "poor" little group of God's people are crowded back into Jerusalem, are hoping under the impact of the dissipation of this marvelous man...under that hope they say, "Now at last! Here He is, and He's showing His marvelous work. Look at the miracles He can do. And look at our economic problems, our poor little nation having to give all of our money to Rome as taxes! Here is a man that can make fish and bread! We've seen Him do it and He's the Messiah. We'll have all of our economic problems in our national set-up solved." Well, that's what's knawing on them. So whenever they see Him performing in such a way that they can CHANNEL that power...and channel? Have you ever heard of people channeling God's power? It doesn't need "channeling" by YOU or ME. The HOLY SPIRIT channels. So now they say, "If we could only get Him 'messiahing' like He should. He's the Messiah, but He doesn't 'messiah' very good..."...and here they were, figuring it all out. "When He gets on the throne where He belongs and gets out of this mysticism that He seems to be preaching all along, this mystical 'kingdom-thing' He gets going, then He'll apply all this beautiful power to a practical end." And those very disciples, how many know, because His back they were saying, that this one was going to have THIS, and the other, and the other, and the other, when He gets going. And didn't Jesus KNOW it. Yes, He turned right around and REBUKED them. He says, "What are you talking about?" "Well...when are You going to be ...the king?" What ailed that ambitious mother with her two children? It's what we call, "wire-pulling." What ailed her? How many know it's "nice" to expose all these folks, or do you just have them "holy" saints? Well, they aren't so "holy" dear. They're very human. What ailed that woman? She was an ambitious, patriotic woman. PATRIOTIC for her country. AMBITIOUS for her children. So she comes in and says, "Now when you get on that throne, if you ever get there, you are a LONG time getting there; let my one son be here and one be there." Do you ambition in the lovely church? How many see something about the lovely folks who were with Him? He was dealing with RAW humanity with His disciples. I love Him. I love Him, because He was a REALIST. "But...they were His disciples!" Of course they were, but they were "funny" ones. And STUPID. And He knew it.
5. So they continually kept building on, from their approach, the idea that when that Messiah comes He will reign, and rule, and have a kingdom, and tell the other nations where to get OFF! And, establish US. And He will dig us out from our bondage. And what a man He'll be. Look at the power He has, if He could only know where to put it! Look at the GIFTS He has, if He could only channel them where they belong! YOU LET GOD PUSH HIS GIFTS WHERE HE WANTS. Don't be too wise telling the Lord, "Now Lord, if You only knew what a

- person THAT ONE is, You'd...." He knows all about it.
6. Now, come back. Now this has gone on, and gone on, and gone on, until they have built up this strange "COMPLEX," of hoping for an immediate kingdom to be set up. And if you'd want to, I could go thru the whole New Testament gospels and show you place after place after place after place where that ATTITUDE STICKS OUT. Get an attitude like that, trace it down, see where it breaks out again. That one little attitude. Go through your Bible, read it, it's a wonderful book to read, I read it all the time. Really. And I find it. I get an attitude; where does THAT go? Over here in Matthew is the same old thing. How does that happen...cause it's like this...it's here in Mark...how? What am I finding? I'm finding great continuity in a thought, in a way, or a method, or a scheme. So you see, even when Jesus TELLS them that He is GOING to die, that He HAS to die, that He HAS COME TO DIE, THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE IT. Did Peter? No, he shook Him and said, "Be it far from Thee." In Greek it means to become AGITATED, not just to rebuke, but to SHAKE. "Oh no. No don't! We don't want a DEAD Messiah, be it far from Thee!" How many think that was because Peter loved Jesus so sweetly? No. Peter didn't want his kingdom to FALL DOWN! That's what ailed Peter. I know that. That's what ailed him. He couldn't bear to see that which he had entertained as a HOPE for all this time GO CRASHING. And when Jesus says, "I have come to die." "No! We want a LIVE Messiah!"
 7. Now listen. He has WARNED them, but they are DULL of hearing. TRADITION HAS DEAFENED THEM. That's why I am so RAVID on any kind of tradition. There are traditions which are wholesome, which PERTAIN to something which is of God; there are little traditional things which accrue to them...they are not dangerous. But there are always traditions which GROW UP WITH TRUTH, and it's always the TRADITION that damns them!!! NOT THE TRUTH! It's a horrible tradition, which is RELIGIOUS!! Full of gifts, full of offerings, full of ALL of that, and God turns and He says, "That stinks!" God said that concerning the very offerings which they brought. Well, why? Because they were in a religious pattern, with a lot of tradition HOOKED to the Truth. And when they bring it to Him, He DISPISES IT. He says. "I'm NOT after THAT. I don't NEED that offering. I WANT YOUR HEARTS! I WANT YOUR HEARTS!" Can you hear that this morning? "I WANT YOUR HEARTS!! NOT your gifts. Not your services, not the things that you are doing. Just COME TO ME. I WANT YOUR HEARTS. I have all that and plenty. I have millions of angels that can do things. But I WANT YOUR HEARTS. If I so choose, I can lead you into a SERVICE. But that service I lead you into, it's NOT TO BLESS ME...I'M NOT STUCK IN THE MUD!! It's TO TRAIN YOU!" NO service that you render to God is just to "help poor God." It's to help YOU! And ME! We are the needy ones! ALL SERVICE IS PURELY REACTIONARY. ALL service is PURELY reaction-ary. It is not for the end in itself, because it is doing something strange and mystical upon every Spirit. Desire that it should be done in the Spirit, and NOT in the wisdom and the power of the flesh. But in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 8. Now they don't know that, and therefore He comes and DIES. They have developed, what we would call in psychology, a "kingdom complex." It is their WAY OF THINKING. It is the thing that MOTIVATES their conduct. It is the thing back of them that "does" everything in their life. How many can see they have a perfect "kingdom complex." Absolutely. That in time, becomes what we would call a "fixation." And I don't know anything more terrible in God...I have to do a lot of spiritual work with people, counseling, with ministers and the whole caboodle of them. They come to me. I have to do it because God has given me a gift along that line of HELPING. And I can tell the complexes, sometimes I say, "Dear Brother. I can't do anything with you at present at all. That has turned into a fixation in you, and only God Almighty is able to blast you out of it." "Well, pray for me..." I say, "Don't talk that way. GOD has to do that." Well, that's the way humanity is made. And that's the way God is dealing with humanity and half of them don't know what's the matter with them. God..loves them. They don't seem to know anything about what He's doing. They don't know who they are. They don't seem to know the basic simple things of human nature. They know that prayer does things, so they use that as a weapon for everything under the earth. Well there are a lot of things that JUST PRAYER won't do. It needs a terrific lot of intelligent cooperation with God. You can pray your head off, but if your

prayer isn't channeled properly, with correct MOTIVATION, all those prayers are just like a lot of wind going, "whoosh." That's right.

9. Now they've had all of this. Jesus has REALLY come, demonstrated the fact that He is the Messiah. And at last, He gets the testimony after three years; Peter is wise enough to give it. So he says that YOU ARE, not only the Messiah, not only are you a great prophet, but he says, "You are the Son of the LIVING GOD." Now that's the FIRST that He's got that testimony in three years. Why? BECAUSE THERE WAS NO REVELATION OF IT IN THEIR HEARTS. THEY HAD NO REVELATION OF IT AT ALL. They've had the revelation UP TO the Messiahship and hoping to make that function. But He didn't come to be a Messiah then, He comes as a Messiah to Israel, rejected; becomes the Pascal Lamb, for the salvation of the world, and WILL COME AGAIN. Two great visitations: His first unto salvation. His second unto the kingdom. You have to have a LAMB. Jesus is a LAMB--SLAIN, you have to have that before you can ever have a king. And that's why at the baptism, when our precious Lord came moving down to be baptised, it took John to introduce Him to the world. Not only to that group, he was making an introduction which was not only for the nation only, but for the world! And when He comes moving down, how those people would have loved to hear him say, "Here is your Messiah at last! The great hour has come!" He DID NOT. What did he say to these poor, broken, needy things? "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD THAT TAKETH AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD!" Isn't that glorious? That's the salutation of His FIRST visit to the earth. Someday it will be, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh!" Salutation. How many can see a difference? You'll never have a bridegroom without a Lamb. You'll never have a King without the Lamb. They came back to him the second day, and what was his words? And he said it the second time, on the next day, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Suppose they had come every day for a month, do you know what he would have said? I know. God knows. What is it? "Behold the Lamb of God." Because Israel must do something with the Lamb of God before they can do anything with the King. That's history; that's history. That's prophecy. "Behold the Lamb of God."
10. Here is a little bit of ___?___ in the realm of the Spirit. What is it? WHEN AN ISSUE IS BROUGHT, DON'T TRY TO FOOL YOURSELF IN THINKING YOU CAN BYSTEP IT AND COME OVER HERE AND RECEIVE SOMETHING WHICH IS ONLY THE FRUITAGE OF YOUR ISSUE. How many get that one? If you have an issue, don't fool yourself into thinking you'll get God interested in something over here. Why? He'll NEVER LET YOU GO. The ISSUE must be MET, and upon the basis of your contact with that,...and your opening that...upon the basis of that issue SETTLED---THE FUTURE MOVES. A lot of people are "stuck in the mud" today and don't know what ails them? I always want to say, "Look here, brother. Let's go back. THIS isn't your issue. Your issue may go back months, and even years." Why? To some issue that has NOT BEEN CORRECTLY DEALT WITH. You want a King desparately. You're praying your head off for "this issue" to come through, and for this to transpire, and the other to happen. You're praying yourself blue in the face to have God DO something. I said, "Listen. You're just like Israel, wanting a King and a Kingdom before they would deal with a Lamb." And if they had gone back 40 times they would have found...Lamb...Lamb.. ..Lamb...Lamb. DEAL WITH THAT LAMB. And as you deal with that Lamb; how many see all the fruitage of the kingdom and everything else. "I want to know ALL about algebra!" "Go back to arithmetic." "I never LIKED arithmetic! I want to know all about algebra!" Isn't that interesting? There are a lot of folks today doing that, and praying their head off to get some problem solved in algebra when they haven't worked in arithmetic yet. I know it. I deal with them.
11. Now we'll come back and get these two men started. This was your background. You have to know that to see why their conversation takes the turn that it does. What made them get into such a strange pattern in their thinking? What made that? Because they will not read their OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES CORRECTLY. Now I'll take this briefly, but I'd like an evening on it. ALL prophecies concerning the Messiah, all prophecies concerning the coming of Christ in this kingdom, ALL prophecies relative to Him AUTOMATICALLY FALL INTO TWO CATEGORIES. The Holy Spirit told me that and He told me what to do and I did it.

He said to get a piece of paper, which I did. Now He said, "Get some old Bibles so you can cut them to pieces and get these verses." Which I did. I found something. So I went to the bookstore where they sold some old Bibles for two cents apiece. Well I say, "That's all, I just want to get these texts." And I sat down and God said, "Look here. Here's your paper. Make it this: Christ in Humiliation. Now write over here: Christ in Exaltation. Now go into the word and find these prophecies concerning Christ. Find them and cut them out, and paste them under their logical places." Because ALL prophecies, I don't care what one, either in symbol, or type, or national moving; any item in that word of God that relates to the Lord Jesus Christ in His marvelous visitation here, they can all be classified under two general classifications. They are either something about the Lord in His humiliation, as the sin bearer, as the One who has come for redemption, or they will turn again and present Him as a KING. A glorious exalted One, reigning, ruling, with all power. They will automatically do that. So after I had made several pastings of them, I said, "I'm converted Lord." He said, "Put the paste bottle away." So I put the paste bottle away. He said, "Close up. Are you converted." I said, "I'm converted thoroughly." Converted to what? Converted to the fact that ALL the prophecies concerning this Christ automatically fall into two categories. Either they relate to Him in His HUMILIATION, as a REDEEMING, lovely marvelous saviour, or they will present Him as a glorious King, EXALTED, with a BRIDE, to reign and to rule and to penetrate the ages yet to come. There they are.

12. Now what ailes Israel at the time when Jesus comes? She has continually FED HERSELF upon on the prophecies that show his power and His kingship. Yes. Yes. They had chosen the portion of scripture which would FEED THEIR VISION AND FEED THEIR DESIRE, AND FEED THEIR DESIRE that they would have their place yet among the nations of the world. So they go through that Old Testament and they get all of them from the Psalms up, about this marvelous king that would come...and that's the Messiah...and it says that when He comes to reign and rule He will have power, and authority, and LOOK at the power He has! Look what He can DO! IF YOU IGNORE THAT BALANCE IN TRUTH, YOU HAVE RUINED YOUR WHOLE CONCEPT IN THE THINGS OF GOD. For ALL TRUTH, as glorious as it is, that is revealed to us, DOES HINGE UPON THOSE TWO CONCEPTS. The coming of God in the Christ, in His humiliation, to REDEEM us. Or else, it will be lined up with His glorious EXALTATION. One is His approach TO Calvary. The other is AFTER; THE FRUITAGE OF IT. The BUILD UP FOR IT, then the FRUITAGE. But everybody wants the FRUITAGE. NOBODY wants the DEATH that caused the fruitage. No one wants a DEAD messiah. They didn't either. "O be far from it. We don't want You to die!"
13. Now He has come; He has gone through these strange terrific experiences. His ministry, His death, His resurrection, and now He's ready to go home. And yet they STILL STICK to that old idea of a kingdom and THEY WON'T LET IT GO! It's a FIXATION. Wouldn't you think that that marvelous death would arouse them to say, "Oh Master, open this more to us!" No...they said, "Have you got done dying?" Why? Because they WANT the kingdom. Now that's their attitude, like it or NOT! That's their ATTITUDE. Well, He has a glorious resurrection. Does that phase them? No, they wish He would get through with it. He comes and visits them and disappears, and visits them again and dissappears. Well they said, "We don't want a Messiah that 'flits around' like that. We got Him here in the room, and He blesses us, and Thomas got converted to the Truth and now He goes away and now we don't know where He is." No wonder Peter says, "Let's go fishing and get out of it!" That wasn't a little fishing party. That was His escape mechanism because he was disturbed, and a DISTURBED EGO will search any kind of a contraption to GET OUT. He doesn't like the CONFINEMENT. I'm glad I have some human beings here who know what I'm talking about because that's the way we're all made. That's the way we're made. Now, that's what AILED THEM. That's why the LAST QUESTION THEY EVER ASKED HIM on that mount, before He went home, the last question the disciples ever ask Him was NOT A THING that pertained to the glorious, remarkable, endless salvation which He had wrought. It did not pertain to it. They never said a thing about the cross, they never said a thing about His resurrection, they wanted Him to "hurry up and get through," and the LAST QUESTION they ever asked Him, the last one, it's all through, "NOW will You bring in the Kingdom?"

You see, they had been disallusioned. As we say, they had been "let down." Their kingdom had COLLAPSED. And there was NO THRONE. And the King had gone to heaven. He'd gone to heaven. Well now what are you going to do? Peter says, "As far as I'm concerned, I'm going back to my fishing business." That's why he said, "Let's go fishing." He didn't just want to go on one of those fishing trips. Don't do that. He was expressing his ESCAPE of the awful torture and reality of a DISSAPPOINTED HEART.

14. Now I'm going to ask you another very personal question, "How many of you have ever been DISAPPOINTED? I want to talk to HUMANITY this morning. How many thought sometimes you would DIE? Well you didn't die at all. So that's like these disciples. Disallusioned, disheartened, confused, bewildered. Why? Because they were continually FEEDING themselves on ONE SIDE OF TRUTH without a proper balance. And, ALL TRUTH IS BALANCED. All Truth is perfectly balanced. You have the Truth that emphasizes the fact of DEATH, death, die, die to the old creation, die; you have that, that's ONE TRUTH. But don't live in a graveyard! There's another one: Live, live, live. In HIM we have LIFE. There is death, but some people are always around in their grave clothes trying to "praise" the Lord. And I just see grave clothes all over, and I say, "My goodness, what are you doing with all that grave clothes trappings on you?" "That keeps me humble." NO. No. "God could keep you humble in ten minutes, you've been five years working up this thing; you aren't humble yet." Sure, that's right. I know it, because I live with them, see them, talk to them. That's why alot of folks are scared of me. I don't want them to be scared of me. I just love them. Even though I see through them, I love them. Don't you think that Jesus loved those people that He had to correct? Even though He saw thru them? Sure. He loved Peter terrificly and He had to call him the Devil. Had to, because it was true. The Devil was in between His loving victory.
15. Now, why do they go to Emmaus? Well listen. EMMAUS IS THEIR ESCAPE FROM THE REALITY OF A DISAPPOINTING JERUSALEM. How many get the analogy now, do you get it? They're living in Jerusalem. That's not only a physical city. There are people living in a Jerusalem today, of disappointment and disheartening. That's their place; their living in a Jerusalem, where WHAT THEY HAD HOPED has collapsed. And where the dream does not seem to come through, and so INSIDE, they are frustrated. But you have to put on a nice "Glory Front." Why not? "Praise the Lord!" What's going on inside? "I don't want to tell you, Hallelujah!" Oh dear. How many ever seen cases like that? O, I meet them all the time, all the time. Poor little deceived things. You'll never get through by clapping your hands. You'll never get through by having a little emotional reaction; half the time it's purely psychic. YOU HAVE TO STRIKE REALITY IN GOD. Reality. Reality in God. Get that.
16. So here they are. The whole thing has collapsed. Peter went fishing. That was his escape. What is theirs? Emmaus. "Oh," they said, "I know a place out of this." If they'd gone to a psychiatrist he would have examined them and he would have suggested an Emmaus. A change of CLIMATE. A change of ATMOSPHERE. NEW associations. FRESH objectives, "for your personality, dear." How many know the "Emmaus" most pscologists give? I know it because I know that field. That's purely a mechanism. That's an ESCAPE. And so they have an Emmaus. An Emmaus may take almost ANY FORM, as long as it gets you out of Jerusalem. How many get some Truth? This is "terrible" what I'm telling you,...but I'm letting loose. Yes, you can't stand the confines of Jerusalem, it's too SUGGESTIVE. You go down the streets of you Jerusalem, and here you meet some place where you had the Lord, and He worked a miracle...and you go down another avenue, and here's where the Lord did...how many know about haunting memory? Have you ever had memory? How many had a haunting memory? How many know memories have a way of HAUNTING you? Or do they just come and "make you feel happy?" How many had memories that sort of HAUNT you at times? You should have. It's a strange techique that's built into our mechanism. It's the way we are.
17. So it says here they thought they would take a walk to Emmaus. Now, this is their way, now they are going to seek out there their Emmaus, which we say is an escape mechanism

for them. And behold, the two of them are on their way to a village called Emmaus. "And they talked together of all these things which had happened." All this feeling collapsed thing, which had got them NOWHERE. They like to REHASH it. How many of you know that some folks are MORBID? They're never happy until they're morbid about something. "He said...and she said...and they all said..." They're all upset; they're DEFEATED! And do you know, misery LOVES company, or didn't you know that? Sure. Don't you know you'll seek somebodys shoulder you can hang on? A few tears can run? Or do you say, "I bear all my little secrets alone!" You miserable liar...you know you don't. You look for something, even if it's nothing but a pet cat. How many of you know that? Come on! How many know a cat and a dog have been an escape for a lot of people? You say, "You horrible man, you know a lot of things don't you?" I said, "I know plenty."

14. So misery loves company, so they get two of them that are in this same AGITATED mood. One says, "grumble...grumble...grumble...", and the other says, "grumble...grumble... grumble...lend me your handkerchief..." And they talked together. That is, they COMMUNED together about all these difficult problems, and their dissatisfaction, and their let-down, "and the Lord is gone, and the Kingdom is all blown to pieces...and what will we do?" "And it came to pass that while they communed together...", and in the Greek it is "while they questioned:" how many know you get A LOT OF QUESTIONS IN JUST ABOUT THAT MOOD? "Why...?" How many ever why-ed the Lord? "Why...? Why...?" Well, that's when you get it; you have a bad case of WHY. "Why,..why...why?" NEVER WHY GOD. WORSHIP HIM, that's better. Not..WHY? WORSHIP! It's so much "easier" just to "why?" then it is to WORSHIP. But we should WORSHIP Him.
15. So they QUESTIONED together. And as they were communing together, and REASONED,...reasoned? How many know your REASONING PROCESSES can go like lightning? "If it hadn't been for that...this wouldn't be THAT...THIS...didn't get any fish in that boat...why? Well, if Peter hadn't rocked the boat, we'd have got the fish, but Peter had to rock the boat..." Now WAIT a minute. How many remember that they didn't get any fish? Do you think it was because somebody "rocked the boat?" Well how many know that's a good, "pass the buck?" Yeah, to say somebody rocked the boat and scared the fish. Oh no. ..."Well John...he didn't even pay attention to the nets...he's always looking at the moon or something...he a sort of laxidasical spiritual thing...looking at the moon and he didn't fish properly and we didn't get a thing!" Now wait just a minute, did that drought of fish have anything to do with John? No. But it's nice to have these things to "pass along," you know; it helps YOU OUT. Helps you OUT alot.
16. "And it came to pass as they communed together and reasoned, JESUS HIMSELF DREW NEAR AND WENT WITH THEM. But their EYES WERE HOLDEN, that they SOULD NOT KNOW HIM." Now two little things here, that will take two long; I cqn't do it, but I'll suggest it to you. "Jesus drew near." Do you see they're NOT MEETING JESUS. And they met Jesus on the way, and Jesus way on His way to meet them? Oh, no. Now, it doesn't say, "Now they met Jesus coming down the road." No, no, no...never that. It's JESUS WHO TRAILS THEM. ANY POOR SICK HEART THIS MORNING THAT CAN'T SEE YOUR WAY THROUGH, and you are proceeding toward some Emmaus that you hope will be the answer, let me tell you something: DON'T GO TOO FAR DOWN THE ROAD. SOMEBODY IS TRAILING YOU. Who He is? The wonderful LORD. Jesus, our wonderful Lord, is TRAILING YOU, AS YOU TRY YOUR ESCAPE TO EMMAUS, and reason WHY, and thus and so, and thus and so, and thus and so. HE KNOWS THAT---PERFECTLY WELL. So, He comes up BEHIND you, trailing you. I think He's trailed some people into this church. I've known times when I've talked like this and people would say to me, "You had my number tonite." I say, "Did I? I didn't have it, God did, because I don't know who you are. I don't know a thing about you. But God does." If the Holy Spirit has been TRAILING you, God has been TRAILING YOU: YOU DEAL WITH HIM. You deal with Him. He has trailed people into my meetings more than once. So LET HIM TAKE THE INITIATIVE, AND SEE AGAIN THIS QUESTIONING PROCESS. This everlasting questioning process.
17. "Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them." Now 16th verse needs an hour, "But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him." Now hook that up with the only two

other periods in the New Testament in which people COULD NOT RECOGNIZE THE LORD. Mary, at the tomb, how many remember? How many remember she couldn't recognize Him, and TALKED WITH HIM? Mary. Peter...didn't recognize Him. No, not at first, until He could see the fish coming up in the net, and then they say, "It is the Lord!" How come they didn't know that before? Well, their eyes were holden that they should not know Him. Here, they're WALKING along the road, TALKING TO HIM, and their vision is held back. Now, it will take me an hour to get in there; I'll tell you why. God opened it to me. He let me see that. Isn't that good how He can do that? He said, "Take your three cases, and I'll show you why VISION FAILS." Do you know why today, some of you CANNOT DISCERN God IN THE WAY THAT YOU WANT, although you can discern Him HERE, and CAN'T see Him THERE? Many of us who know these things in the Spirit, have been conscious of the presence of the Lord HERE DEALING WITH HIM, and when you want Him to come back, HE VANISHES. How many know that at other times, He has been VERY NEAR you to do something, and you couldn't see Him till after the whole thing was over and you said, "My, that was the Lord walking here." Well, there is a CAUSE back of the withholding of vision. But that take an hour and I can't stay. Tonite's another meeting and I think I have something else for this evening. I haven't run out of my "bag of tricks" yet...!

18. Jesus is there..."But...their eyes are holden that they could not know Him." He takes initiative to speak. And He said to them, "What manner of communications are these that ye have one with another as ye walk and are sad?" How many see your old question thing coming up? How many know HE KNOW more about what they were talking about then they could ever think? But how many see Him asking the question? That's your old law: The QUESTION, he's going to make a CONFESSION, and upon the basis of that confession, He's going to bring a BLESSING to them. Because that's A PRINCIPLE in the realm of the Spirit. I'd like a week...on the realm of the Spirit, what you discover in that field. I'm not talking about paradise, heaven, and the harps, and what color the angels wings are. I haven't gotten as "deep" as that. "What manner...", now here comes your CONFESSION. There's good psychiatry in this too. "And one of them, whose name was Cleopas, said unto Him, 'Art thou a stranger in Jerusalem? Hast thou not known the things which have come to pass these days?' And He says unto them, 'What things?'" How many get your old QUESTIONS going again? How many see how unique that is? Why? He's going to provoke out of them, by asking them, the CONFESSION. How many know there's good psychiatry in here? Terrific. Excellent. The first principle of any psychiatric work is based upon just this method. The method is here, the questioning process; get them over on the "couch," don't say too much. How many know, eventually they'll let the "cat out of the bag?" That's what they'll do, and any psychiatrist knows that. So He's clever enough not to do too much talking to them. What an analysis. I wish I didn't know any of those "tricks." But I know them. Sometimes it works, that all right; but these are just the mere skeleton. I'm glad that these basic ways of handling things is handled by the greatest psychiatrist that ever lived, who knows all the methods, laws, techniques; He knows them perfectly. And He's using them all the time on every one of us. Only we don't know them; we're not supposed to. We are just supposed to be obedient to Him and follow along.
19. And so He says, "What things?" Really. Now how many see he's ready to CONFESS again? He's going to pour it out. "Why," he says, "concerning Jesus of Nazareth." You see the "bone of contention?" How many see it? They misunderstood this marvelous man; that's what's their trouble. That's their trouble. Their trouble is concerning this personality of the Christ. "Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet mighty IN DEED...and word before God and all the people." How many see something else? Which has left it's greatest impact upon them? His DEEDS, not the WORDS. Therefore, the first thing they say is "He was mighty in DEED! You ought to see the miracles! He makes fish and bread! Glory!...and of course...He preached some too.." Do you get that? I want you to get that. I think that's just rich. I think that's lush. That the poor dears let the cat out of the bag, Y E O W...just like that. There it was out. What was the trouble? Because all they could think of was the tremendous, dramatic, Christ, with MIRACLES...and some teaching. LONG after the miracles have all gone to DUST, THE MIGHTY WORD IS PUSHING ON.

It is PUSHING ON. Why? The WORD was the miracle, dear. NOT the fish. The WORD, THE TRUTH, THE EVERLASTING WORD--that's the MIRACLE, that keeps penetrating, while those fish long ago have perished. But that was their first reaction, "A man mighty in DEED... and words too, of course, before God." And now, didn't you know this; Jesus just STANDS still and wants them to talk a little more. What about it? "And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death. And they have crucified Him." Well, what "wonderful news" for the Lord. But these poor, dear, things, they don't know the difference; they don't see through it. "But..." now listen to this, this is very sharply in here..."But WE HOPED,..." is your word---HOPED, "but we HOPED it had been HE which would have redeemed Israel. And besides all this, today is third since these things have come." How many see they've MADE THE CONFESSION? Get it? Right away, what is it? An intellectual difficulty? No. It's an EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE. It's an emotional disturbance; it's in the realm of a HOPE. It's NOT in the realm of a difficult problem to understand...about the Trinity. O, how I love this; I'd love to talk all day on this. I could stand here for three hours and expound this. Because you have to have your background coming in all the time to know why they talk like they do. He talks, and they talk like they do because it's an expose', it's an opening up of their whole BEING. And so they make the CONFESSION. What is it? "IT IS HE WHO WE HAD HOPED...", an emotional disturbance, "WOULD BE OUR MESSIAH, AND IT'S FAILED."

18. Now we see how quickly JESUS takes ahold of THAT. How quickly He says, "That's all I wanted out of you. That's what I wanted. You see, your hope has been blasted. I'll tell you why. You HOPED---your hope IS your difficulty." It's like going over the body to find out what ails the man. All these things, you know...ouch--you touched a SORE SPOT. Your body seemed perfect; it was wonderfully intimate...ouch, that's sore! How many see the "sore spot" in them? A HOPE which has not been realized. That's what's the matter, and now He says, "Let me DEAL with it."
19. "Yeah, and certain women which were accompanied were astonished, which were at the scep-
lecre. And when they found not His body, they also came saying that they had seen a vision of angels...and so on and so on..." Go on down to the 24th verse, "and certain of them which were with them went to the scep-
lecre and found even as the women had said." 25th verse, NOW Jesus is going to take ahold of the TRUTH and SHOW THEM WHY they are so blind. WHY their HOPE HAS DISAPPEARED; there has been no realization. Then He said unto them, "O foolish men,..." in Greek it's better, "O foolish men, and slow of HEART to believe ALL that the prophets have spoken." IT IS NOT AN INTELLECTUAL DIFFICULTY, IT IS A HEART DIFFICULTY. For with the HEART, man believeth unto God, not with the head! THIS tells you the way, this tells you the place! And with the HEART man believeth.... what the HEAD IS ALREADY TELLING YOU. MY HEAD TELLS ME ALL THIS, BUT MY HEART HAS TO LAY HOLD OF IT. And so He says, "O you foolish ones, slow of HEART TO BELIEVE---NOT of head!" The HEART! Do you get that, see that? That's worth an hours exposition.
20. And He said unto them, "O foolish ones, slow of heart to believe ALL that the prophets have spoken." How many know they were only believe PART of it? They were believing the part of it that accented the fact of a kingdom and the power and the glory; they were accenting that. He says, "Slow of heart to believe ALL that the scripture says." Then that came back to me, the two panels that He'd made me make years ago. (Humiliation & Exaltation) I have no business to rest in the economy of either one SEPARATELY. They must be BALANCED. I must love the DEATH side as I do the LIFE, and understand THAT, and understand THAT TOO. So He said, "You should have read ALL that the prophets have said. Ought not Christ have suffered these things?" How many see Christ in HUMILIATION? Come on, with my chart, get it? Christ in HUMILIATION, FIRST. "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things?" That's humiliation, first, "And to have entered into the glory." How many get your POSITIVE reaction right away? Then I saw WHY God made me do all of that. "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to have entered into the glory?" TWO aspects. What a sermon! From the beginning THIS is His sermon. "And beginning at Moses, and ALL the prophets, He expounded unto them in ALL the scriptures the things concerning Him." How many get the truth now? How many know you have NO BUSINESS to use any sort of an economy,

or an experience, or anything else, IN PARTIAL. You have to have the whole concept. Truth is BALANCED. And He preached that sermon, and accented three times ALL THE SCRIPTURE, ALL the prophets, ALL the verses, ALL the vision.

21. "And they drew NIGH unto the village, whither they went: He made as though He would have GONE FARTHER..." he always does. It's the story again of the ANGEL who wrestled with Jacob. Jacob NEVER wrestled with GOD. The angel wrestled with Jacob. And the angel would have MOVED ON. He says, "It's early. I think I will go hither." And Jacob says, "Don't go yet." HERE you have EXACTLY THAT SAME ATMOSPHERE, do you get it? Exactly that SAME atmosphere. He would have GONE ON. I often think upon what a little tiny thread our destinies hang. One little word spoken will change a life. One message will change the character and turn of a whole life. ONE message. BE CAREFUL what you read; be careful what you hear. And so it says here, He WOULD have gone on, "but they constrained Him." Do you know why? They had a TASTE OF THE TRUTH. They had a taste of the Truth, and they thought that even though we don't know who this is, that can expound like this, we'd better get MORE of it. "Maybe He has something MORE to tell us." So they constrained Him saying, "Abide with us." That's when YOU INVITE TRUTH TO COME IN IN ALL OF IT'S FULLNESS. Have you ever asked Him to come in? This is a little PICTURE lesson. TRUTH is the Lord, for He says, "I am the Truth." Have you constrained the Truth to come into your little habitate? This is a little cottage at Emmaus. They constrain Him, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening." O, the evening. That's terrific..."And the day is far spent." Get your periods of time straightened out. And He went in to tarry with them. Thank God. How many see they are OFF of the dusty road? Here's your dusty road. All of this has taken place on the dusty road while they are walking and talking and talking and walking. But the time comes when He doesn't want that technique at all; He doesn't want that method at all. He wants an ABODE, where He many sit down and TEACH...glory to God.. and REVEAL HIMSELF. But it's never on a noisy, dusty, road of commotion. It's when He can get your footsteps taken from your dusty, AGITATED LIFE. The dusty road is your AGITATION. The abode...that's your HEART. That's where you really LIVE. He says, "I'd like to come in and sit down, and talk. I've talked to you plenty, in your agitated spirit. I've blessed you; I've blessed you with salvation, I've blessed you with so many things. Better sit down, He says, "I want to go in."
22. Now, the little abode where they go, is your HEART SEPARATED FROM THE DUSTY ROAD OF YOUR ACTUAL LIFE AND WALK. That's where you've WALKED. And you can HEAR HIM, and be BLESSED by Him, on a DUSTY road...BUT NEVER SEE HIM. Their eyes were withholden. They didn't see Him; they didn't KNOW Him. They were BLESSED to death, their hearts BURNED! Certainly why not? But you haven't seen Him. You have not seen Him. Your HEARTS have been touched, emotionally stirred, and you've...THAT'S ALL RIGHT DEAR! That's GOOD. But He says, "Let's sit down." People come for help, all the time; I have all types come. Some of them, when they come, I discern them instantly. I've often said...I've felt like things...they've said, "What's the matter?" "Oh," I say, "I see so much DUST on you." Why? I say, "You've walked a dusty road for years. It's time for you to come IN and sit down with HIM. This that I see in my spirit is DUST ON YOU." I've done it! Because I've SEEN it. Real dust? Oh be still! No. But how many see what I mean in Spirit? And their Spirit, I can just feel it, when I "brush"them like that. Sometimes I have to touch them where the difficulty is. I really have. Not long ago, a very learned man, a doctor of divinity, a great student came. And God made me go and touch his head and give him the message. Where his difficulties are. In the Spirit you can do that, because the Spirit gives you discernment. I don't know; who am I? What a funny kind of a thing; I don't know WHO I AM yet. Lived with myself for over eighty years, I've lived, and I don't know who I am. I don't think any of you know who you ARE.
23. "Beginning with Moses,..." all, all, all, all, ALL. They constrained Him to go in, "Abide with us." "And it came to pass, as they sat at meat with Him, He took bread, and blessed it and brake, and gave it to them..." What's that? BREAD IS THE SYMBOL OF LIFE. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life," that's the symbol, of LIFE. Now when He comes into your heart, into this chamber, He becomes your GUEST, and it's only proper etiquette to serve Him. And when He comes into your HEART, He EXPECTS FELLOWSHIP, and in the Orient, they

have a fashion of breaking bread as a token of friendship and fellowship. I've been in the Orient and have had that to happen. The most simple thing...it's like saying, "Good morning." We have customs here; they have them there. And that was their custom, if the guest comes in, you must give him something. You know that's STILL in foreign people? I have foreign friends and the minute I go into the house, it has to be... it a little curtesy. We don't, we go in and say, "What's the news on the stocks, etc." "Did you see the television last night?" I said "No." Now He says, He is a guest, and you have to serve HIM. You have to serve Him. How will you serve HIM? With BREAD. Everyone of you have a little cupboard. And, your LIFE IS A LOAF IN THE CUPBOARD. Don't you know your LIFE is a loaf? It's a loaf of BREAD. You always have the cupboard door open because you don't want people to see what kind of a loaf it is? Maybe some of them are SCORCHED; they've been too near the fire. Some of them are crooked because they were MADE that way. But God loves every loaf. He desires every loaf. Misshaped, crooked ones, burned ones, half-baked...Ephraim was one like that, He said he was a cake half-baked. Well look at it, a little loaf.

24. So we SIT. What are we to do? To CONSUMATE this fellowship, to bring it to it's CLIMAX, to CONFIRM it, to make it FRUITFUL, to bring the fruit to it's FULLNESS, we must SERVE Him. So they go to their little cupboard, and they take out the loaf of bread and they give it to Him. "This is all I have as my token." Never be afraid to open your cupboard door in His Presence. This many not understand the loaf, but HE DOES. Maybe it's ill shaped, maybe it's burned, maybe it's too soft, maybe it's crooked. I don't know... ..HE DOES. All He wants is to GET IT INTO HIS HANDS. He will NOT force it. He's gentle...so He sit's to be served. They take that little loaf, which is the symbol of their little LIFE, and THEY put it into His hands, and He blesses it, AND BREAKS IT. Breaks it...breaks it. But what happens? Let me show..just in a minute here. "And He blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to them. And their EYES WERE OPENED, and they KNEW Him. And He vanished out of their sight." He ALWAYS will. Why? You CAN'T have a PROLONGED vision of Him in that mood. You CAN'T. I seen just fleeting pictures of Him, and it's ravashed my heart, and I said, "I can't take it." No. He vanishes! Why? He has ACCOMPLISHED THE FEAT. He has accomplished what He wanted. He's gotten their HEARTS. But, the VISION CAME WHEN THE BREAD WAS BROKEN. And NOBODY wants a BROKEN heart, or a BROKEN spirit, or a BROKEN life. We MAINTAIN IT AS LONG AS WE CAN FIGHT FOR IT! But I'll tell you something. Here is a revelation of the Lord, that you'll ONLY get in this METHOD. You will HEAR Him on the dusty road. You'll HEAR the message, and ACCEPT the message, and be BLESSED by the message, and have your HEART BURN within you. But, they didn't SEE Him. They did not see Him. They heard the Truth, and witnessed to it, and were ravished by it, and said, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us." Certainly! That's the burning heart, which is ANTICIPATION. The BROKEN HEART, that's the REALIZATION. Your BURNING HEART. That's purely ANTICIPATION. The BROKEN HEART IS THE REALIZATION. Do you get it? "And when they had broken the bread, their EYES WERE OPENED." LET Him break your heart, LET Him break your spirit, LET Him break YOU. I'll tell you something: You'll have a vision of Him that you've never had in any other method. I don't care how wonderful the word has been, and caused your heart to burn, there are methods which HE can use very differently.
25. Reaction? What did they do? The strange thing is, this puts wings upon their feet! They were walking along the dusty road, but now they had WINGS on their feet, and they RETURNED...where? TO THEIR PLACE OF DEFEAT. Isn't it? The place of disallusionment. The place where there was such a horrible discovery; they return THERE. That's where you'll go, with WINGED feet. Yes! Yes, you'll go with wings on your feet. Where? Back to your, "Jerusalem." You'll have a message to tell them. What will it be? We "have seen the Christ." How? "In the breaking of bread."