

# “Open Your Eyes”

Based on Luke 24:13-19, 27-35 (NIV)

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*Luke 24:13-16*

13 Now that same day two of them (followers of Jesus) were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;

16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

*Luke 24:28-29*

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther.

29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

† Jesus was acting as if he was going to travel on.

† Jesus does not want to be anywhere where he is not invited.

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† Jesus is with me on my road of life.

† Jesus will never force himself into my life.

† I must make the effort and take the time to ask him into my life.

*Luke 24:30-32*

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

† The mens eyes were closed to Jesus because they were focusing on themselves.

† Oftentimes, my eyes do not see needs that are right there in front of me because I am focusing on my wants and desires.

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† I need to be aware that my eyes are often opened through my spiritual heart - through God's actions.

† Then I can realize what God wants and desires from me.

**Applying Today's Message to My Life:**

† How is my physical eyesight? "Spiritual" eyesight?

† When have I shut my eyes to God and focused only on myself?

† When have my eyes been opened through my "Spiritual heart" (through God's actions)?

† When was the last time I said, in effect, "Lord, come and spend some time with me"?

- What would it take to make it a normal part of my life?