



Derailments, Detours, and the Sovereign Hand of God

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Key Passage: Luke 24:13-35

1- Describe the significance of the day in this story.

2- What four key words did the travelers say to express their struggle?

Lesson: Jesus' death was a _____ that left their hearts heavy and their minds filled with _____ and _____.

Lesson: While we cannot control these _____, we can control _____.

3- How does Jesus encourage a godly response in these travelers according to verses 25-27?

Prophetic Scriptures referenced as examples: Isaiah 7:14; Exodus 12:5; Isaiah 35:5-6a; Zechariah 9:9; Numbers 21; Isaiah 53

4- What is the meaning of "agape love"?

Lesson: When God's will seems _____ to our _____, we need to consider how His will is actually "_____ the _____" in many ways that we cannot yet _____ or we simply cannot _____.

Lesson: God's will may feel like a _____...it may look like a _____...but it may actually be the _____ of His _____.

5- When the travelers recognized Jesus, how did they respond according to verses 32-35?



Lesson: If we live in our own _____ and _____, _____ of God's _____, we will be left discouraged, disillusioned, and filled with doubt.

6- What did soldiers do to combat fiery arrows?

Lesson: If we _____ our shield of _____ in _____, we can _____ the _____ of the enemy's arrows.

Five Action Steps to take when you experience a derailment:

- 1- Express your heartbreak...but don't get stuck here!
- 2- Accept the redirection.
- 3- Take up the shield of faith to extinguish ALL the darts of the enemy.
- 4- Grab hold of the hand of your Abba Father and step forward in obedience.
- 5- Look for God's hand at work in your detour.

Lesson: Your hope lies not in your dreams, but in the Dream-Maker.

Group Discussion Questions

- 1- What are some common responses to dream derailments and detours?
- 2- As believers, how should we respond?
- 3- Can you think of a time in your life when what felt like a derailment was actually a detour? What did you learn from this experience?

Personal Reflection Questions

- 1- Complete the phrase: "But I had hoped _____."
- 2- Describe a time when you have felt derailed.
- 3- How can a good and sovereign God allow (and even will) what seems to be not good?
- 4- Are you walking with Jesus daily? Are you spending time in the Bible, allowing God's Holy Spirit to teach you?
- 5- Are you holding the hand of your Abba Father as you journey through life or are you trying to demonstrate your own independence?