



RESURRECTION SUNDAY

HE IS CLOSER THAN YOU REALIZE

PASTOR'S NOTES – 5. 28. 2017

“...Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted for them the things considering Himself in the Scriptures...”

Luke 24: 13- 35

MAIN PRINCIPLE OF TODAY'S SERMON: *We often live with a perception of God that has been altered and corrupted by circumstances, tragedy, disappointment or even our own failures – a view of God which drives us to believe that He is far, far away – so removed, so inattentive... But then Jesus... HE IS CLOSER THAN YOU REALIZED.*

3 THINGS THAT WE SHOULD LOOK FOR TODAY:

- 1. Notice His Pursuit***
- 2. Enjoy His Personality***
- 3. Recognize His Prompting***

He is Closer than You Realize – the Beautiful Mystery of Emmaus

A Close Encounter –

What “little” things distract you from the Big Encounter that Christ wants you to enjoy with Him?

- I. HIS _____ OF YOU IS INTENTIONAL & PERSISTENT
_____ didn't find the body
_____ and _____ also found it empty
_____ saw Jesus face to face

TRUTH: Often our response to His pursuit is _____

- II. HIS _____ IS INTIMATE & PERSONABLE
HIS _____ rings out here on the road
HIS _____ IS FILLED WITH LIFE AND TRUTH

TRUTH: Often our response to His Personality is _____

- III. HIS _____ IS GENTLE BUT RECOGNIZABLE
HIS _____ SEARS OUR HEARTS
HIS _____ CHALLENGES OUR PERSPECTIVES
HIS _____ EMBOLDENS OUR WITNESS

TRUTH: Often our response to His Prompting is _____

ACTION POINTS:

- LET THE PURSUIT OF CHRIST SWAY US AND SATISFY US WITH HIS GRACEFUL INTENTIONS AND LOVING PERSISTENCE.
- LET THE INTIMATE PERSONALITY OF CHRIST TURN OUR SELF-MADE SMUGNESS INTO AN ADORING SURRENDER.
- LET THE GENTLE PROMPTING OF CHRIST STIR OUR STAGNANCY INTO STRIVING AFTER HIS CHARACTER AND HIS WILL FOR US.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. How have you noticed God's pursuit of you recently?
2. What about Christ's Personality surprises you today?
3. Is the Lord prompting you today? What is your response to Him?