

I DON'T KNOW AND THAT'S OK

LUKE 24:13-21 | ERIC SIMPSON | APRIL 19, 2020

Luke 24:13-14

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.

Luke 24:17-18

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.

It's on the Emmaus road where you lay down your map and lean into your Guide.

holy uncertainty = becoming fluent in the language of "I don't know and that's OK."

- **God is sovereign. He's in control. His purposes will prevail.**

"Under the reign and rule of God, this world is a perfectly safe place to be." – Dallas Willard

- **Hold my plans loosely and receive His peace.**
- **Find that place of quiet rest in the midst of the unknown.**

*My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.
– Thomas Merton*