

Things to Know



Musings from the Word

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Let's pick up our journey on the Road to Emmaus. The two continue on this journey and a stranger joins in their midst. They are unaware. As they drown in their despair this stranger joins and now, now they do not journey alone. And what does this stranger do? The reader knows the stranger knows and yet, he asks. This stranger does not ask to discover information. This stranger asks because he wants to enter their world. There are times in our lives as followers of Jesus where we ask of each other not to discover information but to enter the world of another. More often than not, we enter the world of another best not by asserting an opinion but by asking a question. The stranger demonstrates his willingness to not assume by asking questions. "What are you discussing? What are the things?" He asks to engage. On this journey my friends, we ask to engage and yes, in ways not always known, God asks us to engage us. And yes, even in the midst of the stranger, they writer describes them as "downcast." Momentarily, they disrupt their journey and come to a standstill. Journey's get disrupted and we must be still, holding that despair. And yet, as mentioned before, they were still but not alone. One stood with them. I wonder sometimes, is the best news that we can hold for a season is that we are not alone? Amidst our attempts to make sense, we are not alone. There may be silence but that silence does not mean absence. For discovery is yet to come. Until next time...

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“I beseech you to weed out of your teachings every extravagant expression, everything that unbalanced minds, and those who are inexperienced, will catch up, and from which they will make wild, immature movements.”

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On May 3, 1973, the Sear's Tower was completed in Chicago.