

Family TableTalk

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Closing the Gap

read

Luke 24:9-12

think

Here we see Peter running to the tomb to find Jesus. Last we heard from Peter he was following “at a distance” (Luke 22:54) and now he’s trying to get closer! I can totally relate. When I’m looking for Jesus, wanting to be close to him, I go where I expect to find him: a familiar prayer, a specific Scripture, a wise friend, etc. Sometimes he’s there, but sometimes he’s working in ways I don’t expect and like Peter, I am left wondering what happened.

When Peter couldn’t find Jesus in the tomb, it was because Jesus was doing something that had never been done before. Peter would never have thought, “Jesus isn’t here, but he’ll show up soon.” No way! Jesus had just been crucified; no one expected to see him again! Even though things were looking grim for Jesus’ followers, God’s sovereign plan was still in motion. God is always at work, often in ways we can’t see! Be encouraged that Jesus draws close to us even when we feel like we’re at a distance or can’t see how he’s working.

apply

- How have you felt distant from Jesus? What are the things you expect Jesus to do? When he works in ways you don’t expect, how can it affect your relationship with Him?
- List some ways you see God at work and how that reminds you to trust in his plan.

pray

God, thank you for being at work all the time. You are good and you are sovereign. Help me as I struggle and doubt. I pray for faith that would send me in search of Jesus, drawing close and resting in his faithfulness. Because you are a kind God, would you open my eyes and heart to what you’re doing and how I can be a part of your will being done on earth as it is in heaven.

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