



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

Two men were walking along the road. They were in deep discussion about events of the time. It was events like none before or would ever happen again. It would be headlines for days to come. What were they to make of things? It was simply amazing and they couldn't figure it out.

Suddenly there's a third man. He walks up to them and asks what all this information they are exchanging is all about. The third man knew it was something big as he observed and listened to the intensity of the conversation. They walk a little further and stop. The two men looked at the third with sadness. Then came the words: "*Are you the only one unaware of the things which have happened here these days?*" As the third man listened, the response came: "*What things?*"

Have you ever found out something well after everyone else? You feel as if you missed something or maybe an opportunity passed you by. You're told the news, brought up to the present and it stirs you to want to know more. There could be shock or just simple amazement and you wished you had been on the front side of the news. You stand amazed and wondering!

What was so unique about these men? One of them was named Cleopas. We don't know the name of the other man that walked along with him but they both were caught up in sadness and unable to stop talking about the events that had taken place with Jesus the Nazarene. The third man involved was Jesus Himself. Can you imagine, the One whom everything was about was being asked: "*Are you unaware?*" You can read this whole exchange in Luke 24.

How many times do we accuse God, our Father of being unaware of what is going on, either in our personal lives or events around us? "*Lord, don't you care? Lord, don't you see all this injustice and hurt? Lord, don't you realize I can't take much more? Lord, why don't you do something?*" The Lord of heaven and earth, our Creator and Savior watches each and every detail. He is very aware of every hurt, every disappointment, every injustice and sufferings that take place. He is aware of the little children starving, to the disease ridden bodies all the way to nations fighting and the upheaval in others. The Lord God is so aware that He knows the outcomes before the events take place!!!

Jesus responds to these two men on the road to Emmaus: "*O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken.*" (Luke 24:25) That sums up their problem. This sums up our problem! We, like the two men, are slow in heart to believe. We read but believing what we read is a completely different thing. God knows every event under heaven. He is completely aware of how things will unfold because it is all according to the counsel of His will. When was the last time you sat down with the Father's word and just listened to Him? When was the last time you took time to read from His word, realizing He knows, He cares and is taking everything to a final ending? We seem to have things on backward when events take place or wrongs take center stage. God already knows. Man tries to guess and predict. We don't know! It all comes down to one thing: we are simply slow of heart to believe. Somewhere we need to listen to God. Think about it!!!