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Dear Friend:

We know the story of the walk to Emmaus. It's found in Luke 24:13-35. Two disciples of Jesus were grieving over the loss of their Master. They were desperately trying to cope with having their hopes crushed — hopes that Jesus would lead their nation to overthrow the oppressive government of the Romans. And they were struggling to make sense of recent reports that Jesus' tomb was found empty. What did it all mean?

As they walked, Jesus himself joined them, though they didn't recognize him. And Jesus responded to their grief by explaining certain passages of the Bible to them, showing how the prophets had already announced these aspects of the Messiah's life. He gently rebuked their way of looking at these events and invited them to see things in a new way. When they sat down together for the evening meal, Jesus broke bread and they awoke in the profound recognition that their companion was Jesus himself.

As present-day disciples, how might this story be playing out in our own lives? Might the current upheavals in our society be hiding from us the presence of the Christ? Perhaps we're also being called to give up the way we're looking at current events — seeing them through the lens of politics, economics, and conflicting human wills. Perhaps, instead, we're being invited to see Christ working quietly to transform human experience, right now, right here.

As fellow disciples on this contemporary road to Emmaus, we join you in exchanging our hopes and plans — our ways of seeing things — for God's hope and plan.

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