

# FIRST things FIRST...

## *Daily Devotions* April 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Devotions are to use in your Quiet Time with the Lord and are designed to prepare you for the sermon next Sunday.

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### **Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: Psalm 23:4 & Luke 24:13-35**

On the Emmaus road, the disciples didn't recognize Jesus at first. Psalm 23 reminds us that God's presence doesn't depend on us being awake. Even in the "darkest valley," God walks beside us. Sometimes we only realize it after the situation has passed or after our anxiety falls away. God doesn't wait for us to feel brave. He simply stays close.

**Prayer:** Lord, when I can't see You, keep walking with me.

### **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: Exodus 33:14 & Luke 24:13-35**

The disciples on the road were confused, tired, and disappointed. God's people in the wilderness felt the same way. Yet God's promise to Moses was that God will always be with them. Jesus was living that promise as they walked the road. God doesn't rush us through confusion. He walks at our pace. He listens. He teaches. He gives rest before He gives answers.

**Prayer:** God, thank You for being patient with my slow heart. Give me rest as You lead me.

### **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: Jeremiah 20:9 & Luke 24:13-35**

After Jesus opened the Scriptures, the disciples said their hearts were "burning." Jeremiah knew that feeling too. God's Word stirred something up inside him. Sometimes faith becomes a bit lazy. Life wears us out. But when Christ speaks, He speaks through scripture, worship, or a quiet moment. When that happens, we can get stirred up all over again. It's steady and real, and it can light our faith once again.

**Prayer:** Jesus, speak to me until my heart burns with Your truth again.

### **Thursday: April 16<sup>th</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: 1 Kings 19:11-12 & Luke 24:13-35**

The disciples recognized Jesus not in a miracle, but in the simple act of breaking bread. Elijah found God not in dramatic signs, but in a whisper. We often look for God in the big moments. Whether it's healing, breakthroughs, mountaintop experiences, whatever it may be, we seek God there. But Christ loves to reveal Himself in the ordinary: a shared meal, a quiet prayer, a small kindness, a moment of peace we didn't expect.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me notice You in the small, quiet moments of my day.

### **Friday: April 17<sup>th</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: Isaiah 40:31 & Luke 24:13-35**

The Emmaus disciples were walking away from Jerusalem—away from hope, away from what they thought God was doing. But Jesus met them on the road of disappointment. Isaiah promises that hope in God renews strength, and Jesus shows how: He meets us exactly where we are, even when we're walking in the wrong direction. Hope isn't something we gather up. It's something He restores.

**Prayer:** God, renew my strength. Turn my disappointment into hope through Your presence.

### **Saturday: April 18<sup>th</sup>**

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#### **Scripture: 2 Kings 6:17 & Luke 24:13-35**

Just as the disciples' eyes were opened at the table, Elisha's servant suddenly saw the unseen reality around him. God often works a long time before we are willing to notice. The timing of God's gifts seems off. We might ask what God was waiting for. But He opens our eyes when He is ready. Until that time comes, God's grace keeps working, even when we are unsure.

**Prayer:** Open my eyes, Lord. Help me see Your work around me and trust You even when I can't.

### **Sunday, April 19, 2026**

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#### **Worship at 10:00am**

**Title:** Astounded Us

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**Scripture:** Luke 24:13-35