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Signs of His Love - Part 2

Luke 24:36-49, “While they were still talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, He asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I AM going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Jesus again appears in the midst of His followers. He doesn't enter with fanfare. He doesn't demand a ticker tape parade. He just quietly appears. This is the way of God. Remember when He spoke to Elijah as a “still, small voice.” He didn't speak through the strong wind, nor the earthquake. He doesn't force Himself on anyone. He just speaks. Can you hear the voice of God when He speaks to you? I fear so many people are looking for Him in all the wrong places and expecting Him to knock down the door of their hearts and barge in. Again, He does not work like this. Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and gently knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. And again He speaks in Psalm 46:10a “Be still, and know that I AM God.”

The most precious times of life come when we slow down enough to see them, hear them, and experience them. Jesus comes to His disciples, His brothers, and speaks these four words; Peace be with you. This is deeper than we realize, for there is no peace except in Jesus. He is peace. In a crazy, mixed up, hectic world, He encourages us to be still and know that He is God. He will not scream at you. He will not grab you by the collar and turn you around. He just speaks in a still, small voice and says, “I love you.” And you know what? He does!

Dear Lord, You continue to show Your love over and over again. You don't demand that we love You, but instead You give and give and give Your love to us. We don't deserve it. We can't even fathom the depths of it. But Lord, thank You for it; Your great love. In Jesus Name, Amen