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Engage Like Jesus

[Luke 24:13-49](#)

“Then He said to them...” Luke 24:25

Jesus was a man of priorities. His method of engagement was to always meet the physical needs of people while presenting the solution to their spiritual needs.

Take the example of blind Bartimaeus, who asked Jesus to restore his sight, and Jesus recognized his faith. Another example is the woman at the well. Jesus offered her living water while ministering to her emotional needs.

In both of these instances, among many others, Jesus engaged others by meeting multiple needs.

In Luke 24, Jesus engages Cleopas and another man, who are distraught with the weekend's events. It is interesting to note that before Jesus engaged them in their spiritual need, He engaged them in their emotional confusion.

The NRSV records them speaking 165 words, while Jesus only utters 13, asking questions to get to the heart of their need. While they were explaining their being so troubled, Jesus was actively listening.

After the two men had expressed all of their distressing feelings, the Scripture tells us “**THEN** He said to them...”

Many times, when we see someone in need, we engage them by jumping in and telling them about Jesus before hearing about their need.

Rather, Jesus listened to their need, met their need, and then ministered to the spiritual need.

Let us take these examples to engage like Jesus engaged.

Prayer: *Our Father who reigns from His throne on high, only You are holy. Help us to help others by ministering to their physical and emotional need before trying to minister to their spiritual needs. Doing so will help us be more compassionate to others, in your Name. Amen.*

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