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Opening/Introduction

-tell story of Derick and Ethan trading Hot Wheels...

-What are some things you traded as a child?

-I believe that Jesus is here now, and this is what He is saying to each of us:

"Will you make a trade with Me?"

(and with Jesus, you can always trust that He has your best interest at heart!)

His Peace for My Fear

-John 20:19-20 (ref.)

- Phobos = phobia, fear that is beyond the reach of reason
- Tell story of watching A Sixth Sense
- Tell story of being awakened by an intruder
- I'm sure some of you have your own battles with fear...
- **Verse 21**, Peace = eirini (eye-ray-nae), Hebrew shalom
- Tranquility, safety, security...
- (explain what you aren't suggesting tonight...)

-I think Jesus is addressing a certain kind of fear in this story...

>Jesus is talking about a fear that comes from feeling as though God had disappointed you.

>(give context for the mindset of the disciples...)

>(explain they already know He has risen)

-Jesus is here now, <mark>"Will you make a trade with me? My peace for your</mark> fear." -(set up prayer participation moment)

His Pardon for My Sin

-(read excerpt from Skit Guys article)

While most of us welcome the idea of more peace in our lives, we may not grasp the need for a pardon. A pardon frees someone from legal consequences or blame for a committed offense. No matter how many times Jesus told his followers that he came to die for their sins, they just never seemed to grasp it. Luke 24 tells the story of two friends walking on that first Easter morning. Jesus shows up and walks with them, but they don't recognize him. As they complain and question everything that has just happened, Jesus tries to clear things up for them again.

-Luke 24:25-27

>I think their lack of recognition of Jesus is a powerful prophetic picture of how often we can't see our need for a Savior, for a pardon!

>(secular narrative that promotes acceptance...at a cost)

>(Peter...value, love...yes! But relationship still need to be restored)

>Isaiah 53:1-6

-Luke 24:46-47 (back to Jesus appearing to disciples)

>everyone's deepest need is to know God and be known by Him...(abbreviate Welcome Home moment)

-Jesus is here now, "Will you make a trade with me? My pardon for your sin."

-(set up prayer participation moment)

His Purpose for My Plan

-Luke 24:28-31 (back to Emmaus story)

what are some of your bucket list items?

- mine is teleportation at least once when preaching!
- (maybe appearing at Freedom Life in the Saturday service)
- (or even better, in Niger at Pastor Edouard's church!)

-I love this part of the story, these two men had reason to travel to Emmaus, they had plans.

-God has a will for every aspect of your life!

- vocation
- interests
- geography
- accomplishments
- family
- romance
- goals
- future

Band

-How much of your life right now is the result of your chasing after your own hopes, dreams, plans, and goals? Would you be willing to hold out your hands today as a symbol, an offering? Would you be willing to trust God with everything?

-Jesus is here now, <mark>"Will you make a trade with me? My purpose for your plan."</mark>

Close

-talk about the series...what we mean by Easter Rewind...