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ATMOSPHERE THAT BUILDS THE IRRESISTIBLE LIFE

Luke 24:31

Atmosphere is difficult to explain but quickly experienced. Atmosphere can build your spirit or corrupt and tear down your spirit. Every person builds an atmosphere around him. Your convictions, values, mindset and vocabulary (words you used all the time) together shape your atmosphere. What's the atmosphere that builds the irresistible life? **Hungry For The Lord's Presence**. By the term "irresistible life" I'm referring to a life where the LORD says, "This is the life I can't help but bless and use for My purposes." Won't you want to live such a life?

We can glean three principles to such a life from *Luke 24:13 – 34*.

1. RECOGNIZE His presence (verse 31)
Practise recognizing the LORD everyday in every situation - Mark God out as the source of blessing. Have a thankful heart.
2. Increase the PACE of your heart (verse 32)
How do you let the Holy Spirit increase the pace of your heart? Let what touches God's heart touches your heart. Just like you sync your email to your tablet, you sync your heart with heaven.
John Wesley puts it this way: "I value all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity?" Decide right now to sync your heart with God's heart.
3. His presence is ALWAYS with you but you must RECOGNIZE Him (verses 30 - 31)
Isn't it true that when you recognize someone is watching you it changes the way you act. I encourage you to establish some **reminders**. You can use 'post-it-note' with Scriptures written on it. How about setting your computer password as "Jesus knows"? It will help you to recognize His presence.

Remember, it's not His presence but **recognizing** His presence that changes you.

PRAYER: I want your presence and Your Word to affect me deeply – the way I think...feel...act. Help me to make godly commitment that empowers me to be trustworthy and deepen relationships. Help me to establish reminders that enable me to recognize Your presence.