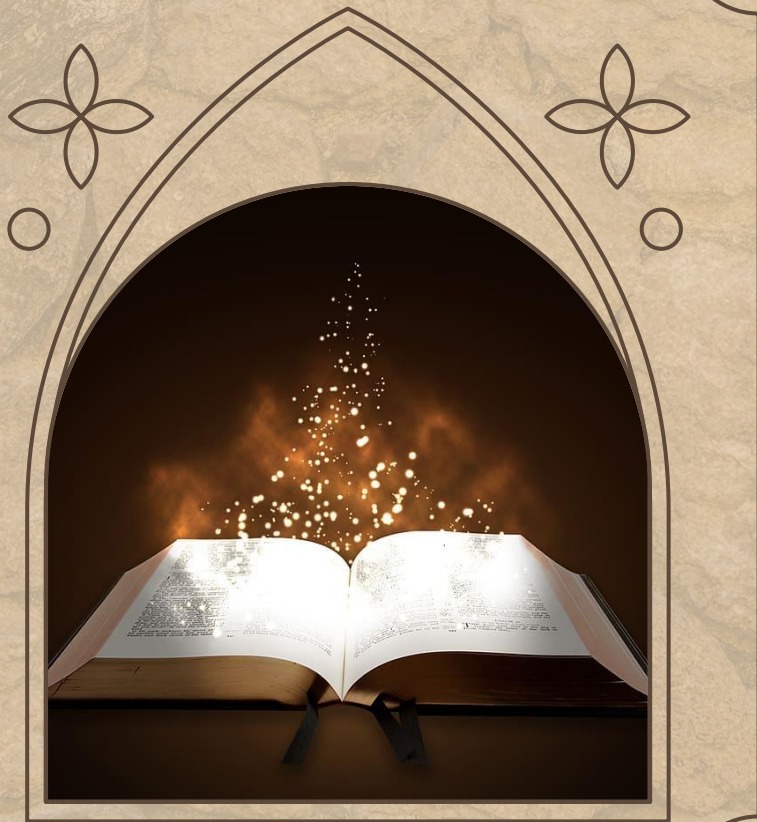




Discover Your Story

Your ammunition of evangelization





THE
EVANGELICAL
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Stories, stories, stories



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Stories From The Bible

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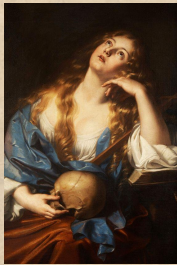
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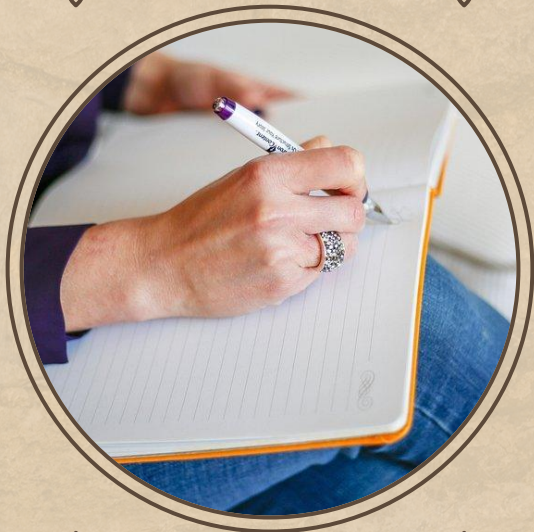




What's your story?



You Have A Story



“We know this is true of you as well: you have received the Spirit of Christ Jesus, which brings salvation and hope; your lives are a witness of faith. Whether you were baptized as a child or joined the Church as an adult, you have a story of faith. Whether you sincerely live your faith in quiet or have a great public ministry, you have a story of faith. Whether you have a grade-school knowledge of the Catechism or have a theological degree, you have a story of faith.

We all have—and are—stories of faith, for through the Spirit, the Gospel of Jesus Christ takes hold of us in the proclamation of his Word, and Jesus touches us in the celebration of his sacraments. When this genuinely happens, we are all set ablaze by his love”

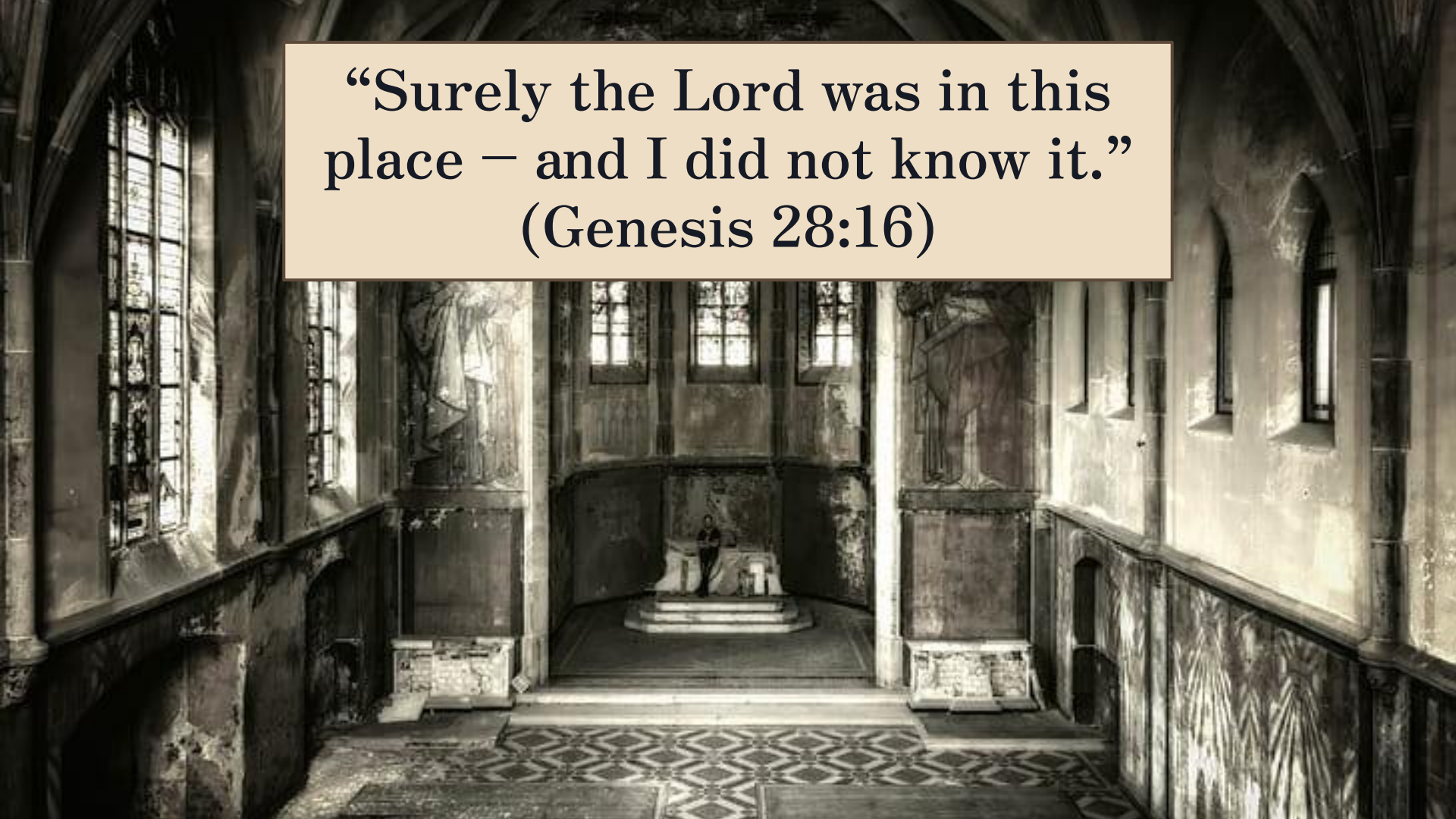
—*Go and Make Disciples*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Inc., June 2002.



*“Why do I
need to
discover it?”*



“Surely the Lord was in this
place – and I did not know it.”
(Genesis 28:16)



Life Map Prayer Exercise

01



Prayerfully make a
list

02



Draw your life map

03



Prayerfully reflect
on your life map

04



Share your story

FINDING GOD IN YOUR STORY

1 PROVIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Who has God brought into your life?

2 PRACTICAL TEACHING

Influential truths of the faith

3 PIVOTAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Life-changing events

4 SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Healthy habits

5 PERSONAL CALLINGS

Big and small: vocation, project, service

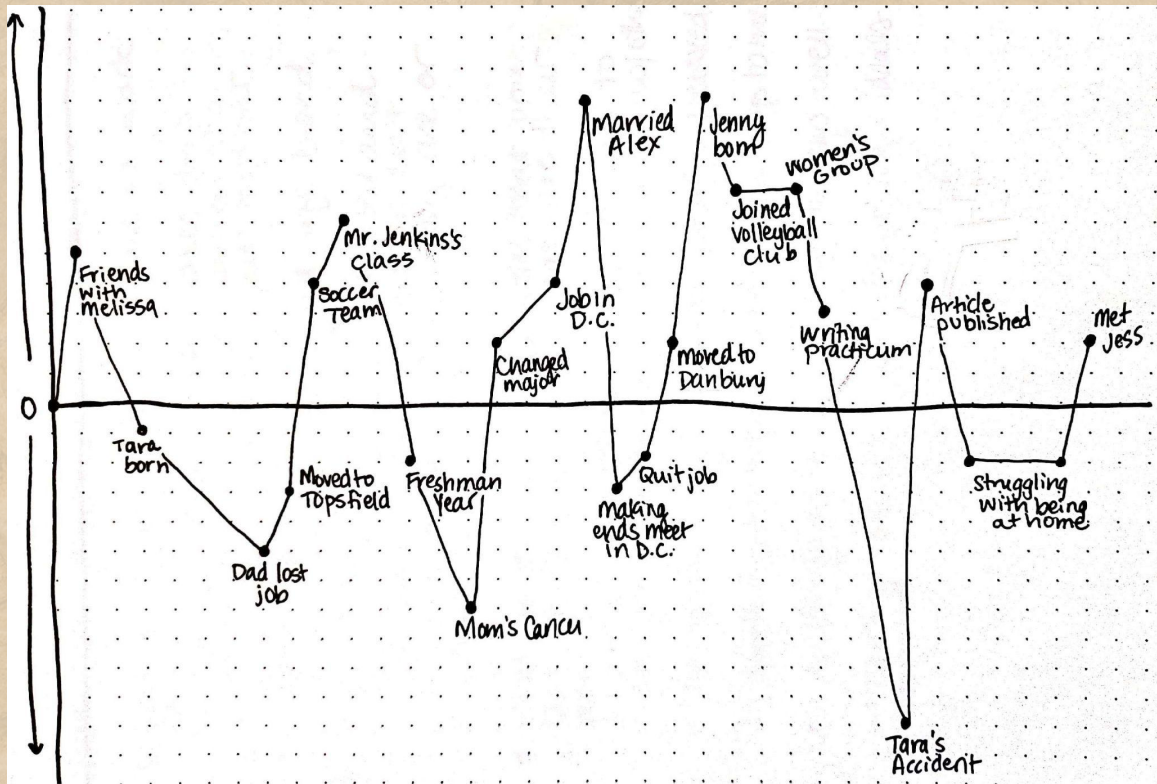




Unfinished

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus"

-Philippians 1:6



I will call back into my memory the gifts I have received—my creation, redemption, and other gifts particular to myself. I will ponder with deep affection how much God our Lord has done for me, and how much he has given me of what he possesses, and consequently how he, the same Lord, desires to give me even his very self, in accordance with his divine design.

-St. Ignatius of Loyola



More Ways To Pray

Imaginative Prayer



Scripture



The Valleys

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

...

But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

-Psalm 13:1-2; 5-6



"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God"

-2 Corinthians 1:3-4

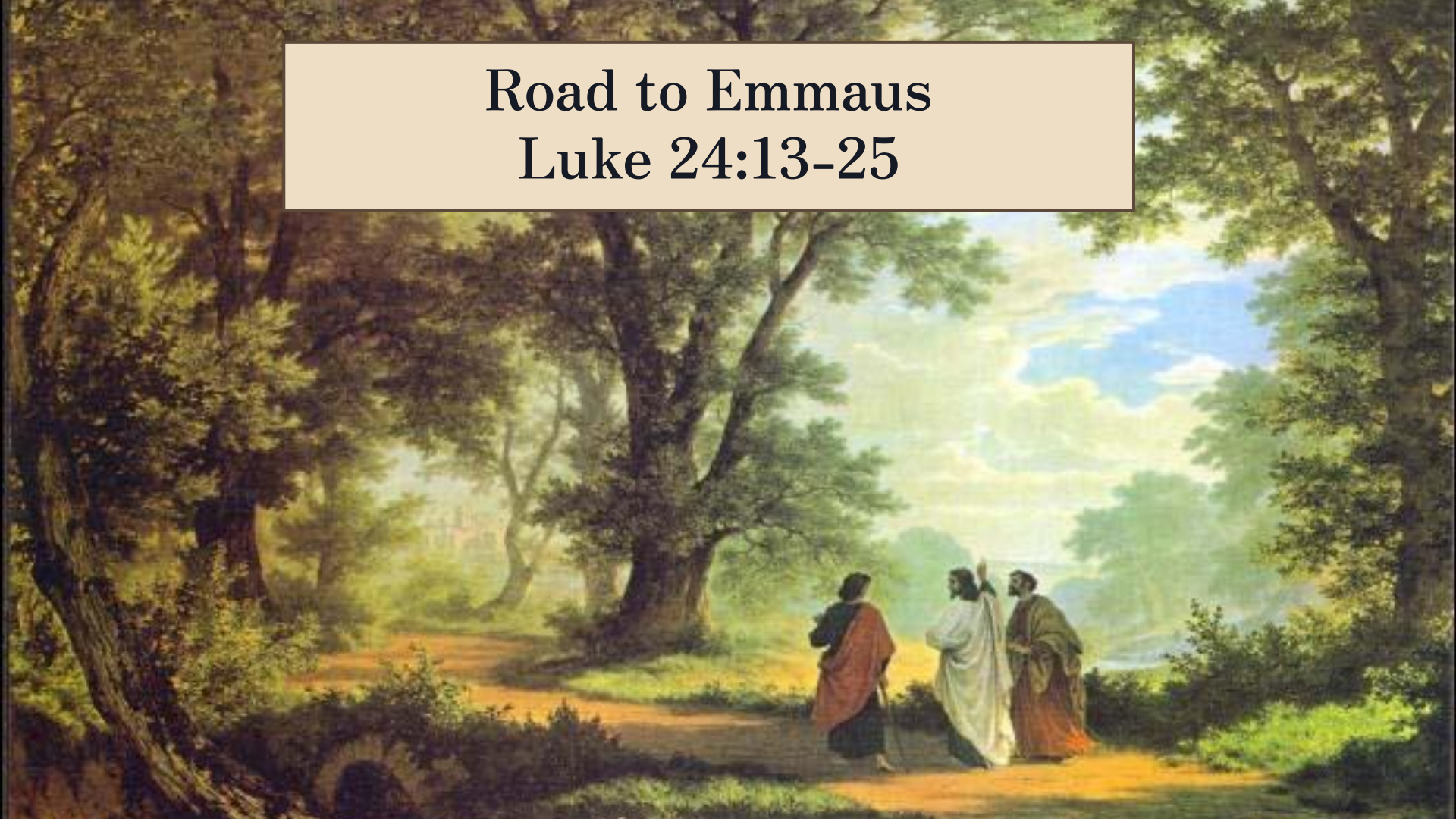
Healing is Possible

Are you willing to give Jesus permission to enter into the broken areas of your life?

Are you willing to give another person permission to enter into the broken areas of your life by sharing your story?



Road to Emmaus
Luke 24:13-25



Reflection Questions

- What story do the two disciples tell the disguised Jesus as they walk along?
- Do you think they understand the events of the story correctly? Why or why not?
- How would you describe Jesus' reply? What does he tell them?
- The disciples recognize Jesus as he vanishes, but they realize they knew it was him all along. When they reflected back on their experience, what indicated to them that Jesus was present?
- Was there a time when you recognized Jesus after the fact?

