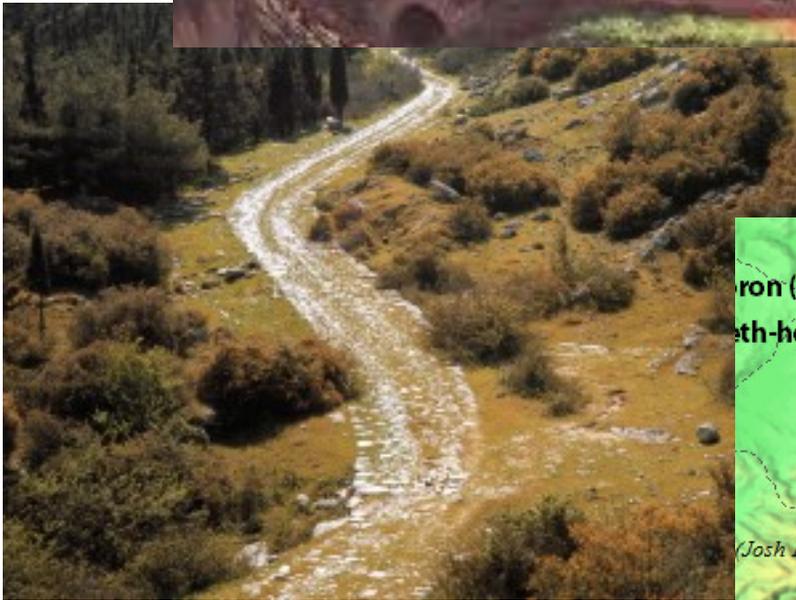


# Road to Emmaus



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The road to Emmaus  
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*A* *D7sus2b5* *A* *D7*  
O Lord don't forsake me, don't be too far from me;  
*A* *E6* *A* *D7sus2b5*  
I need to see You every day.

*A* *D7sus2b5* *A* *D7*  
In the good times, the bad times, the laid back times too;  
*E6* *A*

It's desolation when I wander away.

*A* *A7* *D6/A*  
Make haste Je -- sus;  
*A* *D6/A*

O Lord, my Savior;  
*E6* *A* *E7sus4*  
I watch for You along the way.

## CHORUS

*E7sus4* *Asus4* *A* *Asus2* *A*  
We read Your Word Lord, toge -- ther,  
*Asus4* *A* *Asus2* *A*  
And know You're with us.

*A* *A7* *D6/A*  
We are walking with our brothers on the Road to Emma - us;  
*A* *E7* *E9* *A* *E7sus4*  
Conversing with each other about the life You lived.

*A* *A7* *D6/A*  
As You travel with us on the Road to Emma - us;  
*A* *E6* *A* *E7sus4*  
You open our hearts and pour the Scriptures into us.

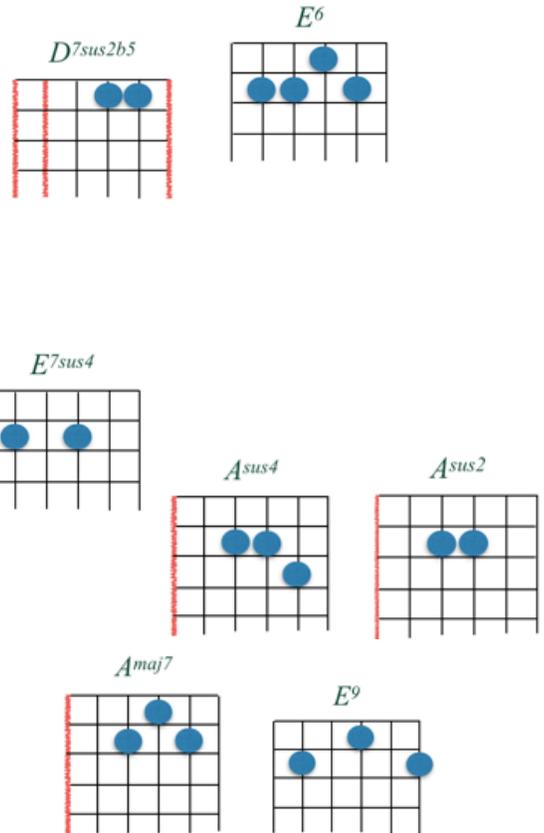
*A* *D7sus2b5* *A* *D7*  
Sitting in the sun with Bibles on our knees;  
*A* *E6* *A* *D7sus2b5*  
Watching every move You make.  
*A* *D7sus2b5* *A* *D7*  
Don't our hearts burn within us as we listen to You speak;  
*E6* *A*  
Grant those hearts courage to prevail.

*A* *A7* *D6/A*  
Abide in us Je -- sus;  
*A* *D6/A*  
O Lord, our Savior;  
*E6* *A* *E7sus4*  
The friends You chose are ready ~ Lead on!

## CHORUS

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# Scripture

**Psalm 38:21** Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, do not be far from me!

**Luke 24:13-49** <sup>13</sup>And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And they were conversing with each other about all these things which had taken place. <sup>15</sup>And it came about that while they were conversing and discussing, Jesus Himself approached, and *began* traveling with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. <sup>17</sup>And He said to them, "**What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?**" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>And one of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, "**What things?**" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him up to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup>"But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>"But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. <sup>24</sup>"And some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>And He said to them, "**O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!** <sup>26</sup>"**Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?**" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He would go farther. <sup>29</sup>And they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." And He went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>And it came about that when He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>And they said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>And they arose that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, <sup>34</sup>saying, "The Lord has really risen, and has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup>And they *began* to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

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“The Road to Emmaus” had its genesis in a men’s Bible study which has been continuously meeting for over 25 years as of this writing on January 1 2019. The cohesion and longevity of this group can be described by the Greek word Koinonia which means a shared union and participation in the lives of our brothers and sisters that is unique in the world as it is made possible by the shared union that we share with Jesus Christ.

John 14: 18-20 <sup>18</sup> [Jesus said], “I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.”

One day our group was reading the Bible’s story of the Road to Emmaus, where Jesus walked and talked with two of His disciples following His resurrection. We were especially struck by the words in;

**Luke 24:** <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Rick started whining and complaining about not being able to join Jesus and this group on the road to Emmaus; that we were deprived in some way. Then we looked around our men’s study group which included Jesus Himself. He promised the Apostles in Matthew 18: 20, and we suspect His words apply to all of us, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

We were bowled over by the realization that we’re all on the road to Emmaus all of the time because we can trust completely in what Jesus promises. This song resulted from that experience.



The Road to Emmaus painted by Robert Zünd 1877, with a few additions by Rick Larson in 2019 & 2020

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