## 3. GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_TO DISCOURAGEMENT

A) Seek God's truth which is the \_\_\_\_\_ for freedom

Luke 24:27 "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself."

B) Seek God's \_\_\_\_\_ which unlocks the door to our freedom

Luke 24:28-32 "As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'"

The key for these two disciples was that when they recognized Jesus, they experienced the resurrection for themselves. Jesus, the Risen Christ, was not dead but very alive and his presence was with them.

**POWER-TOOL FOR WEEK 3:** (Read the Word & worship to a song each day, then pray what is on your heart.)

Revelation 3:20 "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me."

 Day 1: Hebrews 10:23
 Day 5: Jeremiah 17:7

 Day 2: Psalm 42:1-8
 Day 6: Romans 5:2-5

 Day 3: Hebrews 6:19
 Day 7: Ephesians 1:18

Day 4: Colossians 1:27



## WEEK 3: FREEDOM FROM DISCOURAGEMENT

The purpose of this series is for freedom in and then out into freedom.		-
DEFINITION OF "FREEDOM":		
JOH	N 8:31-36 (	NLT)
"Jesus said to the people who believed in him, `You are truly my disciples if you		
remain faithful to my teachings. AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE		
TRUT	H WILL SET YOU F	REE.
	raham,' they said. lo you mean, `You v	`We have never been slaves to will be set free?'
•	,	ns is a slave to sin. A slave is not a
permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. <b>SO IF THE</b>		
·	U FREE, YOU ARE	,
TWO IMPORTANT KEYS FOR F	REEDOM:	
• (The truth v	will set you free)	

• \_\_\_\_\_(So if the Son sets you free)

## HOW TO DEAL WITH DISCOURAGEMENT:

## LUKE 24:13-32

- **13** Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. **14** They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. **15** As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; **16** but they were kept from recognizing him.
- 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?". They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."
- 25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

**30** When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" 1. WHY ? Luke 24:21 "...but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel." 2. ROOTS OF Luke 24:25-26 "He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" We either do not \_\_\_\_\_ God's word or we are very in our reading of God's word. The result is we do not understand that God allows 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 "We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead." God allows trials and testings so that we learn to \_\_\_\_\_ God often requires struggle and in us before he brings about His glory.