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INTRODUCTION

This Easter is unlike any we have ever experienced, and Pastor John addresses our uncertain, in-between time in his message from Luke 24, commonly called the road to Emmaus story. After Jesus' death, two travelers were discussing their own uncertain, in-between time. Jesus knows how hard and dark life can be, but He can handle our messiness. God uses the pain of in-between times to draw us to Him. In your uncertain, in-between time, believe this truth: Jesus is risen; Jesus is alive!

DISCUSSION

1. How have these past few weeks affected your faith life? Have you drawn closer or farther from God?
2. Even believers hit messy times! In **John 18:17-27**, Peter denies Jesus three times. How have you been messy during this season of uncertain, in-between? Jesus brings Peter back into right relationship with Him in **John 21:15-17**. Bring your messiness before Jesus and give it to Him in prayer.
3. Pastor John said God uses uncertain, in-between times when we don't know what to do or think or say to draw us to Him and bring spiritual growth. Write down three things you are facing now that you had not thought you would face two months ago. Save it somewhere you'll remember and pull it out next Easter to see how God has used this time to bring you closer to Him.
4. By yourself or with your group, **read Luke 24 aloud**. Take some time today to praise Him - in song, dance, clapping - and worship our Savior Jesus Christ! He is risen!

DO SOMETHING

1. This Easter, spend time alone with God and let Him speak to your heart and soul. Use praise music, Scripture, a walk in the woods - whatever is the best way for you to connect with God.
2. Pray for people affected by this uncertain, in-between time in our country. Ask for God to give you a specific way to help those in your community who are in pain or the middle of the messiness. If possible, have your small group join you in this ministry.
3. Connect with people through social media to encourage and point them to Jesus during this season.

RESOURCES

Access the following videos on [RightNow Media](#).

1. Check out [this video](#) from an animated series that creatively explores the design and message of the last chapters of Luke by the Bible Project.
2. In this [four-part series](#), Jonathan Pokluda speaks words of comfort and wisdom to help Christians navigate the areas of life COVID-19 is affecting.
3. The [Holy Moly Easter Story Collection](#) helps kids explore the amazing story of Jesus' death and resurrection in four short videos.