

Another month has passed quickly and we are in the last quarter of the year. Christmas looms on the horizon. ARE YOU O.K.?

So much has been put on hold this year as life has taken such an unexpected turn. Emmaus Walks have been put on hold! Some of you were to be on Team for August walks which did not happen. We pray that you will be able to be on board for the team next year. Our monthly Gatherings were put on hold. [We had a Zoom Gathering in September – a great time chatting to people we have not seen for a while! I hope we can do that again] So many other things – holiday plans, wedding plans, house extension plans, have been put on hold. The holding pattern has eased a little and we trust that for those of you who have found this time quite difficult are finding peace and hope as we all travel through this unfamiliar country!

Maybe some things that had been put on hold, have moved up your agenda because of the changes the CoVid Pandemic have brought. I have recently had cataract surgery on both eyes. It seemed a good time when things are a little slower for me.

I've been reflecting on how important healthy eye sight is! At the moment I have better long-distance vision but short sight is poor until I can get some reading glasses, but each day it is easier to work at the computer even if I cannot see clearly!

Jesus once healed a blind man. He asked him what he could see.

He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

<sup>25</sup> Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly." Mark 8: 24 & 25

Are you short-sighted or long-sighted? Perhaps you are fortunate that you can see well at any distance! What if we had 20/20 spiritual vision? What if we could see clearly what God wants us to do, what God's vision is for us. Would we then depend on our own wisdom to forge ahead? There would be no surprises? "That's good," some of you might say. "I don't like surprises." Maybe it is better that we see only partially because that is the nature of humankind. We don't know it all. We cannot see ahead, but we can trust God

to lead us to provide the *insight and wisdom* that we need. We can trust God for today!

Some of us are *big picture* people, others are *details* people and some can do both. Each of us is valued in God's big scheme of things so that God's love and grace is made visible, tangible to those who live in our circle of influence.

Pray that each day we will

*See You more clearly, love You more dearly,  
and follow You more nearly day by day!*

That's the journey of discipleship we all on. Having our eyes opened so that we recognize Jesus, and grow as disciples is a big part of the message of Emmaus. May we grow in our seeing, our loving and our following, so that our lives reflect Jesus and his love and grace to others EVERY DAY.

<sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. [1 Corinthians 13:12-13]

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May you have eyes to see all the rich colours of God's grace and know that grace in your life day by day!

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