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*Questions for Reflection*

When Jesus appeared to the disciples, “he opened their minds to understand the scriptures” What is it to “understand” God’s word? How does understanding feed your faith? In the coming week, take note of one new understanding that comes to you from something you hear or read or realize through another person.

*Household Prayer: Morning*

God of surprising revelations, I thank you for rest and renewal.  
I thank you that when you come to your people,  
you speak peace and invite faith in you.  
Make this new day a time when I will give more thanks for life  
than I did yesterday.  
Give me ears to hear your will for me,  
hands that are open to others,  
and eyes to see the beauty in your world; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Household Prayer: Evening*

For all that has happened this day, O God, I give you thanks.  
Even for the obstacles I faced, I thank you.  
Especially when I wobbled in doubt, I thank you because I did not fall.  
You came to hold me strong and help me take the next step.  
Now give me rest, secure in your never-failing arms.  
Let my dreams revolve around what is pleasing and good,  
bringing me to a new day with zeal for your gifts; in Jesus’ name. Amen.