

Today we hear the gospel story of two disciples of Jesus who are leaving Jerusalem because they are so dejected and discouraged by the death of Jesus. They had put all their hope and all their trust in him....It feels like their world is shattered. But it is not. Jesus meets them on the road, meets them in their discouragement and reminds them that he is with them in their suffering... reminds them of all that the prophets had said concerning the Christ's suffering...reminds them of what they already know...they are never alone... Slowly they come to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

It happens to all of us at different times in our lives. Our faith – that we so want to be the bedrock of our existence sometimes gets rocked, even shattered to pieces.

Recall a time when you have known Jesus' presence – meeting you in your discouragement – helping you to pick up the pieces of your shattered faith....restoring your faith....strengthening your faith...reminding you that Jesus is there with you.

Today let us bring to the Table of the Risen Christ all of our discouragements and faith shattering experiences and allow the Christ to touch our hearts with the assurance that our faith is always strong when we focus on Christ.