



Devotion: For 06.22.14

"This is Water"

Key Scripture:: "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." John 14:18

Spend some time this week in John 20:19-31. Ask the Holy Spirit to help place you in the story. Ask him to slow your mind down and engage your imagination.

What does it feel like, to be locked in that room with only your closest friends, your doubt and your fear? Imagine staring at that locked door, knowing that if you heard a loud knocking it would almost certainly be the Jewish leaders set to tie you up and lead you off to the same fate that you saw Jesus suffer just days earlier.

Imagine you're Thomas. You have mustered the courage to leave, only briefly, on an important errand. After being gone for 45 minutes, you return to find the mood of that room dramatically altered—where there was dark terror, you now find joy; where there were whispered fears, you now hear laughter! Your friends tell you they just saw and spoke with Jesus.

What would your reaction be? How would you feel?

Have you ever felt like you "missed the boat" on something?

Have you ever tried to convince yourself that something is true that you haven't yet experienced? How did that work out?

What are you currently wrestling with in your own faith journey? What would it look like for Jesus to show up and answer you? What kind of experience would you expect? Rather than ignoring that difficult question, old wound or disappointment, ask Jesus to show up and meet you in the middle of it this week, just like he did for Thomas.