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ENTERING THE SCENE:

Fr. Beck, in his homily back in 2005 writes: "The forgiven community finds it possible to forgive, and this becomes its witness to the world. The gift of forgiveness allows hurts to be put aside, and a new beginning to emerge. The gift of forgiveness allows relationships to be restored, without pretending that harm has never been inflicted. The witness of forgiveness shows us that new life can be found beyond the damage we inflict upon one another. There is indeed life after death.' Forgiveness is our litmus test. To the degree we can accept or give it will be our witness to a God of unconditional love.

Lk. 24:35-48

35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was **recognized** by them when he broke the bread. 36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself **stood** among them and said to them, "**Peace be with you.**" 37 They were **startled** and **frightened**, thinking they saw a **ghost**. 38

He said to them, "Why are you **troubled**, and why do **doubts** rise in your minds? 39 **Look** at my **hands** and my **feet**. It is I myself! **Touch** me and see; a **ghost** does not have **flesh** and **bones**, as you see I have." 40 When he had said this, he **showed** them his **hands** and **feet**. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of **joy** and **amazement**, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to **eat**?" 42 They gave him a piece of **broiled fish**, 43 and he took it and **ate** it in their presence. 44 He said to them, "This is what I **told** you while I was still with you: Everything must be **fulfilled** that is written about me in the **Law** of **Moses**, the **Prophets** and the **Psalms**." 45 Then he **opened** their minds so they could **understand** the **Scriptures**. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The **Christ** will suffer and **rise** from the dead on the third day, 47 and **repentance** and **forgiveness** of sins will be preached in his name to all **nations**, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are **witnesses** of these things.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: We come to faith because of the witness of those experiencing the risen Christ. Does my witness do that for others?

PRAYER: Scripture scholar Jesus, Luke tells us that you opened the minds of the frightened disciples so that they could understand. It took your death and resurrection to get them to the point of being able to understand because they had now stood under what you were trying to tell them. Now they are witnesses for us so that we too can open our minds and understand the Scriptures. Help us as we try to do the same. Amen.