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MORNING MESSAGE**

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Do you have memories associated with a meal? For me, the strongest memories involving meals are centered around Sunday lunch. Our family – my parents and brothers and my aunt, uncle, and cousins – would gather after church for lunch at my grandparents. There was a table in the kitchen where the kids would eat and the larger dining room table where the grown-ups would eat.

It was at these tables where I learned the value of family and came to know what it means to be loved and how to show love to others. It was there that I saw the progression of life itself, noting the empty chair following my grandmother's death, and eventually the refilling of that spot as our family grew to include others.

Today's reading centers around a table where two sad and dejected disciples sit, mourning the death of Jesus, relating their memories of him to a stranger. Except we know that the stranger is the risen Lord. It will be at the table where their eyes are opened and they recognize with whom they dine.

Occasionally, I am reminded by my memories of Sunday lunch at my grandparents, about things I was unable to see before. I rejoice that God continues to open hearts and eyes to recognize God's presence among us.

Blessings,
Edward