



# **Part 4**

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# Luke 24:41

Still they stood there in disbelief,  
filled with joy and wonder. Then he  
asked them, “Do you have anything  
here to eat?”

# Luke 24:42

They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

**Luke 24:43**

and he ate it as they watched.

# Luke 24:44

Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.”



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beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is  
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# **Luke 24:48**

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# **Luke 24:49**

**And now I will send the Holy Spirit,  
just as my Father promised.  
But stay here in the city until  
the Holy Spirit comes and fills you  
with power from heaven.”**



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# Wounds vs. Scars

**There is a big difference between a wound and a scar. A wound is a devastating unhealed injury. A scar says, "I've been healed, and this is my story."**

# Wounds and Scars

- Past Mistakes
- Bad Choices
- Sins
- Failures
- Betrayals
- Abuse
- Broken Relationships
- Rejection
- Abandonment
- Insecurity
- Guilt

# Wounds and Scars

- **Disappointments**
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- **Suffering**
- **Sickness**
- **Death**
- **Etcetera**

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**We will never really be able to effectively minister to others while trying to keep our own painful wounds of life hidden.**

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# Principle #3

**The Holy Spirit that lives in every disciple of Christ desires to operate on, disinfect, heal, and transform your wounds so that they don't dominate your heart or define you anymore.**

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