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As I write this, the outcome is unclear. It is Wildcard weekend, the Jets and Cowboys have made it through the first round. Our Colts have not played yet. There is great expectation, but also quite a bit of hesitation. Should we have rested players? Should we

not have rested players? These are questions that many have been asking since the Colts benched most of their best players (including MVP Peyton Manning), and dropped the last two games of the regular season. It was painful to watch considering up until that first game those players rested, the Colts were 14-0, and the last two times they rested players at the end of the season they lost in the first game of the playoffs. Needless to say, there is a lot of uncertainty.

We live much of our lives in uncertainty. Even though we want to think there is certainty, there really isn't all that much. What will the weather be like tomorrow? What big news story will break later today? Will my car start this morning? Will that certain person be in a bad mood or a good mood? So much of how we operate comes out of times of uncertainty.

There is a story in the New Testament where some guys are leaving town. Jesus had been crucified a few days earlier. There was so much excitement regarding this Jesus, and now he was dead. What do we do now? Well, these guys decided to just go home. There was too much uncertainty. There was so much that could not be explained well, so they decided it must be over.

Then Jesus explains to them how he fits into the picture from the beginning. How all the law and the prophets pointed to him, and how his death on the cross and resurrection. As soon as the disciples see and touch the resurrected Jesus, all that uncertainty goes away. Now, they are ready to give their lives for this movement that started with Jesus.

In the midst of the uncertainty we live in, God is present, and working, ready to take us to that next place! Here's some of the Happenings for February:

Winter Sneak – The dates are February 5-7. Cost is \$95 (scholarships are available). Get signed up NOW! You won't want to miss this! See Pat or Michael for details.

Super Bowl Sunday – We are working on a way to get together to watch the game. It's the same day we get back from Winter Sneak, February 7th. When details are nailed down, we'll let you know!

Michael Leaves for Israel – We'll take some time on February 21st to rally around Michael in prayer as he prepares to leave for Israel.

Remember:

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" - Luke 24:31-32

