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*"Faith
without
works is
dead."*

**QUICK
MESSAGE**
**JUNE WOMEN'S
WALK**
**FIND OUT THE
JOY OF
SPONSORSHIP!**

Jazz from Jim

A big *Welcome!* to all the men from Men's Walk # 50. We are thrilled to have you as part of our family. Please make it a habit to attend Gatherings and get involved. We would really love to see you again and get to know each of you. Our next Gathering is Tuesday, March 9. Hopefully we will not have to worry about anymore snow storms. Aside from the blizzard of 1977, I can't remember a time when snow storms arrived so close together with so much snow and lasted so long. Canceling a Gathering prior to an upcoming Walk is certainly a difficult decision and was not made without realizing the potential impact. There are many folks that travel from surrounding counties. Road conditions beyond the immediate Wilmington area have to be taken into consideration. I hope everyone understands.

I have to admit, I'm not much on winter. Ohio is as far north as I care to be this time of year. The older I get, the less I like the cold. I basically tolerate winter so I can enjoy the other three seasons. Give me the green grass, hot sun and trees covered in foliage any day. In spite of my low tolerance for freezing conditions, I have been enjoying the Winter Olympics. It really makes you swell with pride when one of the American Olympians medals. I have to admit, I do feel a sense of empathy for them. I can't help but think they must spend an inordinate amount of time training in the snow and

ice, enduring sub-freezing temperatures. Makes me want to turn the thermostat up a notch or two, just thinking about it.

Those who ski, snowboard, ice skate and sled, do have the right idea when it comes to winter. You've heard it said, "When life gives you lemons, make lemon aide." I guess the same holds true for snow. In order to really appreciate it, you've got to recognize its benefits and make the most of it. You've got to get outside and play in it. While most of us bide our time indoors, grumbling and envying the fate



of the Floridians, the more daring get outside and enjoy its rare benefits. Nothing changes your attitude about the white stuff quicker than jumping on a sled with your children (or grandchildren), flying across an open field on a snowmobile, skiing downhill or just getting the family outside to build a snowman. These activities can turn a dreadfully cold winter day into a lasting memory. Those who learn to love the snow and run towards it, instead of away from it, reap the benefits.

As Christians, our attitude towards snow often parallels that of serving Christ. We would just

as well stay in our comfortable abode rather than venture out into the threatening elements. Without a doubt, the real adventure awaits outside, beyond the walls of our comfort zone. Too many of Christ's servants are completely content, lounging inside, peering outside through the window of mediocrity, watching, as others take up the towel and the bowl to wash the sinners' feet. Maybe we should be quicker to run towards serving, rather than away from it.

It's often said, "In most churches, ten percent of the people, do ninety percent of the work." I don't think that's true of the Emmaus Community. I am always amazed at the number of members who volunteer each time there is a Walk. If we could count the true number of people who serve, in one capacity or another, I think we would be amazed. Accomplishing all that needs to be done takes a small army of dedicated folks. If you have made it a point to serve in any capacity each time there is a Walk, I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication. God's Word tells us in James 2:17, "Faith without works is dead." If works is a sign of life, our Community is very much alive. It's rare to see a group of people work so hard, smiling all the while. May God bless each of you as you "glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

De Colores,
Jim

Tabor Talk

Whom Are You Following?

The other day my bride and I went to church. Now, that alone should not be a surprise to you, but the fact is that we went to church where a friend of mine was preaching. After the service, he invited us to join him for a bite to eat at a local restaurant. When I told him I would like to drive to the restaurant on my own and meet him there, he suggested we follow him to the restaurant, since the area was slightly unfamiliar to us. He told me to get in my car and pull around to the side where he was parked and we could just follow him from there. We did just that. No sooner had we pulled around to the side where his car was parked, than we saw him begin to back out of his parking slot and we just pulled up right behind him. For the next ten minutes or so, we followed him down the highway, thinking we would pull into a restaurant pretty soon. Finally, he signaled a right turn and pulled into a driveway. We wondered at this, but then dismissed it thinking he was just dropping someone off. We pulled into the driveway behind him. When the passenger door opened and an elderly gentleman exited the vehicle, and stood there looking at us like we were aliens from Mars, or some other planet, I drove up to the man and rolled down my window. He looked at me like I was obviously in the wrong place. When I told him I was following him thinking it was his pastor. He laughed and told me that the pastor had gotten a new and different-colored vehicle. Only then did I turn around and call my pastor friend. He asked me where I was, and I told him what had happened. I have been laughing about this ever since. The car I

was following was so similar to what I remembered my pastor friend driving that I did not even think to verify that it was indeed him in the car before leaving the church parking lot. I did not look around to see if he was standing anywhere close to another car. I didn't even question that it might not be him in the car until that car pulled into the driveway of that private residence. I was totally oblivious to anything else.

When I think about that little escapade with my friend, I am amazed that I did not make sure that the car I was following was being driven by my friend. While my friend and I have enjoyed much time together, I have not talked with him for a couple of months, and did not know that recently he had traded vehicles.

The point of this is that every day of our lives, every one of us is following someone. It may be a parent. It may be a mentor. It may be a professor. It may be an employer. No matter whether we are leaders or not, we are still following someone. We make decisions in light of our own insight, influence, and experience, all of which are greatly influenced by those whom we have chosen to follow or have not chosen to follow but have been greatly influenced by anyway. Whoever it is, we need to make sure that we are following the person whom we intend to follow. If not, we will discover that we are not where we intended to be nor are we in the company of those whom we aimed to join.

J. Paul Getty, the billionaire founder of the Getty Oil Company, towards the end of his life, made this statement, "I have spent my whole life climb-

ing the ladder of success, only to discover when I reached the top that it was leaning against the wrong wall." Getty had gone through several failed marriages. Years before, he had made the public comment that "A lasting relationship with a woman is only possible if you are a business failure." His grandson had been kidnapped and held for ransom. He practically refused to pay the ransom, although he eventually paid a lesser amount, because he thought it would give others the incentive to continue the kidnapping of other family members and all. In short, although his business acumen was profound, his family life was a constant mess. At the end of his life, he agreed that he had been following the wrong dream.

When Jesus said to his disciples, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men", he wanted to make sure they knew whom they were following as well as why they were following Him. He says the same thing to you and me. He wants us to make sure we know whom we are following and why. All too often, we will follow anyone for any reason, hoping beyond hope they will lead us to some sort of "promised land." But there is only One who can guarantee that. He says to each of us, "Don't follow anyone blindly." But if You follow Him, He will indeed take you where you want to go. The last thing we would want to happen is for the person we have been following to turn around and say to us, as did the man in the driveway that day to us, "Who are you, and why are you following me?"

God bless...

Chuck Tabor

"Every day of our lives, every one of us is following someone."

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The newsletter editor and the webmaster are working together to post all of our newsletters on our website. You simply go to our site, www.wilmingtonemmaus.org and look for the Newsletter Archive link. There you will find the ever-growing list of newsletters being archived. It's not a hard project, but time-consuming. Each newsletter has 4 pages, each of which must be scanned and then put into a file. These are then compiled into a Year file, copied over to a compact disc and then mailed to the webmaster in Washington CH, where they are then moved onto the web site, taking care to get the correct newsletter placed with its coordinating link. When you consider that this year we are into Volume 25 with a newsletter for nearly every month of those 25 years of newsletters. There are some seemingly missing issues, so eventually we may ask if anyone might have a copy of the missing issues. So, eventually you will be able to look back at our history thru the newsletters. Enjoy!

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My Fourth Days by Josh Riley

4th days... I look back on the days prior to my walk and I have tried to compare them to my days since. Honestly the days are the same. There are days of joy, days of anger, days of sadness, days of hope, days of disappointment, days I've cried and days I've laughed uncontrollably. The things that occur in my life today are generally the same as days past. But, how I deal with life's daily occurrences changed when I finished my Emmaus Walk.

My 4th days are much better than days past as I have drawn on the lessons I learned during my walk. There are many times I look back to my walk and think about what a specific speaker said, remember a conversation that took place at my table, a smile from a volunteer during a meal, dying communion and of course the clowns. Each memory is filled with the spirit of the Lord and reminds me how having Him in my life has been the single most important change I have ever made. I am blessed for having had the opportunity to have attended an Emmaus Walk and know that I am better for it.

So, when I deal with my days ahead I do the following... I thank God for the joys in my life. I ask God to give me the strength to forgive those who anger me. When I'm sad I look to the Lord to lift my spirits. In His word I find rays of hope. When I'm disappointed I thank God for the things he has given me. When I cry I pray for the strength to make it through the bad times and pray again for allowing me to enjoy a moment of laughter!

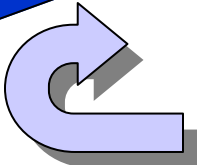
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Walk to
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THE UPPER ROOM

Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus
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SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING! March 9
Bring a snack to share afterwards—
when Emmaus meets, EMMAUS EATS!
Men's Walk #50 will have their first reunion
prior to the Gathering-**SPONSORS**: remember
to bring your pilgrim for this great time of
sharing!



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Report for 2010 Newsletter

Renewals Received in 2010			34	
Renewals for two years in 2009			2	
Start newsletter late in 2009			4	
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Additional Renewals coming in for 2010- Est.				10
Pilgrims in 2009				54
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Pilgrims in February 2010				28
March Mailing				132
April Mailing				132
May Mailing				132
June Mailing	Add May Pilgrim Estimate	20		152
July Mailing				152
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October Mailing	Add September Pilgrim Estimate	20		172
November Mailing	Add October Pilgrim Estimate	20		192
December Mailing				192

Pilgrims are estimated at 20 - multiple husband/wife during the course of the yr.