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TALES FROM THE OLE WEST

One Sunday morning the Pastor was reading scripture from Psalm 51: 10-12. It reads *"Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."*

The first thing that came to mind after hearing that was how this scripture relates to the Emmaus format and what it brings to me. Although we are Christians, having already accepted Christ as our savior when we start out Emmaus journey, it brings forth new energy and new prospective on the way we are to expand this journey. How we are to continue on the road, "The Road to Emmaus?"

Emmaus creates, as it says in verse 10, a new and pure heart. It opens our eyes, minds and hearts to what is needed to live as Christ would have us live. How we can be Christ's hands and feet in this

world? What type of "Christian Action" is needed to reach out to make a difference in this world? How we are to sustain the spirit that is needed to "Change Our World?" When we first become Christians, in accepting Christ as our savior we are on top of the mountain, but as time goes by, we begin to lose some of that enthusiasm. We start to slide off the mountain, but the Emmaus journey helps to renew that mountain top experience and regain the steadfast spirit in our hearts. This is needed to be an everyday Christian, not just a Sunday Christian.

Verse 11, in part, *"Do not cast me from your presence."* On my original walk, after getting through Thursday night, the movie, the sound of the projector, staying awake and then not being able to talk, God's presence began to make itself known. The Holy Spirit began to work and during the silence God began to speak. I'm not saying it hit all at once, but little by little, His presence became evident. What I had to do was to accept His presence, listen and yield to His call-

ing. Submit and, as the song says, "Where He Leads Me I will Follow." Sometimes I had trouble with following, because I wasn't sure if He was speaking to me. "You want me to do what? You want me to get involved with Emmaus, be a table leader, and give a talk?" Wow, how can I get out of this?

Well, needless to say, the Lord had a plan, and by His grace and the support of my wife, the prayers and support of my new friends and prayer partners, I have been saying yes for about 10 years now. And through all of this I have had the joy of His salvation and He has granted me a willing spirit to sustain me and to be a willing servant. I'm not saying it has been easy for me, but the Lord has made it work and He has made it a joy to be in His presence and spread His word.

So, anyone who feels that being part of the Emmaus Community, being on a team, giving talks and even standing up in front of a Gathering is overwhelming, just listen to the Lord's calling and He will give you *(continued on page 2)*

WALK THOUGHTS

**QUICK
MESSAGE
THE OCT.
WOMEN'S
WALK
NEEDS
PILGRIMS!**

Tales (continued)

the strength and the courage. Just remember that He doesn't call the qualified, but qualifies the called. It's what you do with what you've got that counts!

Happy Trails!

Jim

Board Positions Open

A great way to get familiar with Emmaus and make MORE friends! Join the board! Here are the open positions: Secretary, Kitchen Coordinator, News Letter Editor, and Women's Good Shepherd.

If you have an interest and have any questions about any of these board positions, please see Jim West or any of the board members.

AGAPE NOTES

Bedtime and table agape is demonstration of God's unconditional love. We, as His servants, should not be named. If you make agape with your share group, it is perfectly fine to add your share group name, such as, "Tuesday Ladies' Share Group" or "Real Men Who Love Jesus Share Group". If you, as an individual make the agape, it would be appropriate to put a line of encouragement, such as, "God Loves You and so do I". The Walk to Emmaus Servants are meant to put our Lord in the forefront, not ourselves.

Thank-You!

TABOR TALK

It is no secret that in recent days, we have been having some difficulty encouraging individuals to become pilgrims on the Walk to Emmaus. I think I may have inadvertently found a solution to the dilemma.

A grocer put up a sign that read "Eggplants, 25 cents each -- three for a dollar." All day long, customers came in exclaiming: "Don't be ridiculous! I should get FOUR for a dollar!" Meekly, the grocer capitulated and packaged four eggplants. The tailor next door had been watching these antics and finally asked the grocer, "Aren't you going to fix the mistake on your sign?" "What mistake?" the grocer asked. "Before I put up that sign no one ever bought more than one eggplant."

I have thought about that story a lot when it comes to inviting pilgrims to attend the Walk to Emmaus. Perhaps the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Area Walk should make a policy that if you sponsor three pilgrims on the same weekend walk, you get the fourth one for free. Would that not be an incentive to help us fill the walks in the future? All in favor - raise your hand! (I think I am just kidding here!)

The other day, I was talking with a woman whom I was inviting to attend the next women's walk. I thought for sure she would say yes to my invitation. She seemed to want to go in an almost desperate fashion. The timing was right. The situation for her was on target. But then she declined at the last moment. It seems that she could not bear to leave her children for the weekend. She did promise to go on another one, maybe even the next one. I left her with one thought: "How big is your God?" Is your God big enough to allow you to take a weekend away for spiritual growth and to take care of the details of life while you are gone? Is your God big enough to help with the little things of life - those things that you think you are so important and so necessary to keep in line and in order? Those questions are good ones for anyone who is putting up obstacles as such to the idea of experiencing their walk to Emmaus.

The Walk to Emmaus is a weekend that can and should be something we encourage others to attend. But often our encouragement is weakened because we do not follow through on living the "good stuff" (and that is a theological expression!) that we gained throughout the weekend and we forget the pledge we made at our Em-

maus "graduation" - "Christ is counting on you!" and "I am counting on Christ!"

The point: God is a big God who wants to use you and me in our sponsorship of pilgrims for future walks! Let's let Him do His work in us so He can do His job in them! Is your God big enough?

Chuck Tabor

*Hey, Kids!
What time is it?
It's time to
sponsor a
pilgrim!*

PRAYER LIST

from September Gathering

Travis
Darius Henthorn
Blanchester Pregnancy Center
Paul Holbrook Family
Joyce Jones
Kent Hamann
Dinah & Dave Bond
Wyatt Johnson
Donald Gordon
David Green
Clara Sears
Joe Williams
Bob Ullum
Marvin
Joseph Williams
Margaret McMonigle
Dan Ingram
David Febb
Kathy Snowball
Darlene B.
John Murphy
Becky Cotrill
Rob Scott
Martha Scott
Frances Butcher
Vanessa Rice
Bins Family
Women's Walk #89
Positive Home Schooling

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Pilgrim List for Women's Walk #89

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Linda Johnson	9120 Mill Trace Dr	Leesburg	OH	45135	Laura Hannah
Bradi Kirk	2143 Virginia Dr	Xenia	OH	45385	Ben Kirk
Patricia Miars	255 Oglesbee Rd	Wilmington	OH	45177	Larry Quigley
Donna Oppenheimer	5469 Marathon Edenton Rd	Williamsburg	OH	45176	Sue Hamann
Faith Thompson	12878 US Hwy 62	Leesburg	OH	45135	Jerry & Sandy Quigley
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Sue Trucksis	381 N 4th St	Tipp City	OH	45371	Debbie Lynch

Kendra Young LD
 Jennifer Brown ALD
 Sandy Quigley ALD
 Wendy Daugherty ALD
 Robyn Hinman TL
 Robin Smalley TL
 Susie Tabor TL
 Lynn Wagner TL

Live-In Team

Sandy Barger TL
 Kim Bolden ATL
 Joy Barton ATL
 Pam Blaser ATL
 Maggie Copley ATL
 Connie Abirached ATL

Vicki Cardenas ATL
 Mary Jane West Board Rep
 Bronwyn Jones Music
 Jennie Harner Music
 Toni Jenkins AV
 Chuck Tabor SD
 Ken Woleab ASD



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SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING!
09 Oct
Singing starts at 6:45PM!

MEN'S WALK 55 REUNION—6:00PM

WOMEN'S WALK #87 ONE YEAR REUNION 6:00PM

Wear your name tag!
Bring a snack to share!

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS: Watch your address label! When your "last issue" date comes close, if you wish your mailed subscription to continue, be sure to send \$6.00 to our Treasurer, Susan Thompson. You can also see her at the monthly Gathering. Remember, you can also read the newsletter online at our web site: www.wilmingtonemmaus.org.

NUTS & BOLTS OF SPONSORING

What's involved in sponsorship? Prayer! Visit prospective pilgrims and explain about Emmaus. How the program works, dates of upcoming walks, etc. You will secure letter agape for your pilgrim. Try to find out names & addresses of people who have been special in the life of your pilgrim. Encourage your pilgrim to respond quickly when the invitation arrives and respond quickly when your sponsor letter arrives. Continue praying for your pilgrim. Ask if there might be anything you can help the pilgrim's family with, such as meals or babysitting. Remember, the pilgrim's absence from the family should not have a detrimental effect on the family. When it's time for the walk, arrange the time to pick

up your pilgrim. Be prompt! If you are delayed, be sure to call the pilgrim and reassure him/her that you are on your way. Go to the door and greet your pilgrim and carry luggage, bedding, etc., to the car. Inform the family about what time to expect the pilgrim back on Sunday. Once the pilgrims have gone to the conference room, go to the chapel for communion and to pray for your pilgrim. Attend all of the weekend activities. Be prompt on Sunday afternoon—you don't want to miss any of Closing. Special gifts are wonderful, but keep in mind that pilgrims aren't given anything special until the walk is over. Why not keep that gift in the car for your ride home? Never lie to your pilgrim. Answer all of his/her questions truthfully. That doesn't mean that you need to VOLUNTEER everything you know! Enjoy sponsoring!

MUSIC FOR GATHERINGS

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MONTH	SPECIAL MUSIC	INSTRUMENTALIST	SONG LEADER
Oct		John Glaze	Cindy Bloom
Nov	Jennie Harner	TBA	TBA
Dec	Community	John Glaze/Lynn Lowell	Bronwyn Jones

To volunteer for a monthly Gathering contact JENNIE HARNER at 937-987-2518 or harnersewing@yahoo.com.