

**April
2022**

**Billings
Walk
To
Emmaus**

W2E Times

Important Dates!

Picnic
May 12, 2022

Fall Gathering
September 17, 2022

MEN's W2E, #80
January 19 - 22, 2023

WOMEN's W2E, #81
January 26 - 29, 2023

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**Help Someone
Become A
4th-Dayer**

Joyful Witness

Christians are called to be Jesus' witnesses (Acts 1:8). This doesn't mean we need eloquence or charisma in order to explain the good news to others. A witness is simply someone who testifies to what he has seen, heard, or experienced. That's what John did in the opening of his letter. He shared his first-hand knowledge of having been with Jesus and how that made his joy complete.

If you've ever shared the gospel with someone who gladly accepted Christ as Savior, you've probably experienced fullness of joy. Yet even if your message was not received by the other person, there's a joyful satisfaction in carrying out Jesus' command to tell others about Him. But if your main concern is how you are viewed, there will be no elation. Instead of rejoicing in the opportunity, you'll likely be critiquing your explanation of the gospel.

Witnessing is not a matter of persuasiveness or verbal skill. Rather, it's an overflow of your love for Jesus Christ, along with a desire to invite people to know Him. As you allow the Holy Spirit to increasingly express His life and power through you, your joy will overflow and touch others.

Have you talked to someone about the Walk to Emmaus next January?

Mark Your Calendars

Picnic on May 12, 2022 (Yes, and the Board is buying)

Fall Gathering on September 17, 2022 to kick off our next Walk to Emmaus weekends

Details to follow in the May Newsletter

Bible

Trivia

1. Who was the only female judge of Israel?

Hint: Judges 4:3-5

2. What prophetess was the sister of Moses and Aaron?

Hint: Exodus 15:20

3. What wife of David was once married to Nabal?

Hint: 1 Samuel 25:1-42

4. What harlot helped save the lives of Joshua's spies?

Hint: Joshua 6:25

5. What wife of David was the mother of the disobedient Adonijah?

Hint: 2 Samuel 3:2-5

6. What prophetess consoled the king while severely criticizing the people of Judah?

Hint: 2 Kings 22:14-20

7. What deceitful princess of the Zidonians married Ahab?

Hint: 1 Kings 16:31-34

Pancakes and Jesus

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin (5), and Ryan (3). The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Love From The Inside

A man married a beautiful girl. He loved her very much. One day she developed a skin disease. Slowly she started to lose her beauty. It so happened that one day her husband left for a tour. While returning he met with an accident and lost his eyesight. However, their married life continued as usual. But as days passed she lost her beauty gradually. Blind husband did not know this and there was not any difference in their married life. He continued to love her and she also loved him very much. One day she died. Her death brought him a great sorrow. He finished all her last rites and wanted to leave that town.

A man from behind called and said, "Now how will you be able to walk all alone? All these days your wife used to help you." He replied, "I am not blind. I was acting because if she knew I could see her skin condition due to a disease, it would have pained her more than her disease. I didn't love her for her beauty alone, but I fell in love with her caring and loving nature. So I pretended to be blind. I only wanted to keep her happy."

Moral: When you truly love someone, you will go to any extent to keep your loved one happy and sometimes it is good for us to act blind and ignore one another's short comings in order to be happy. The beauty will fade with time, but heart and soul will always be the same. Love the person for what he/she is from inside, not from the outside.

The Harvest Is Great!

He said to His disciples, "The harvest is great but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest and ask Him to send more workers into His fields." Matthew 9:37-38

It is time to begin the harvest for a Pilgrim to attend the next Walk to Emmaus!

A Prayer For Pilgrims

Father, thank you so much that you sent Jesus to rescue us. That you jumped into the choppy seas of this world and came and sought each one of us out, and you grabbed us and pulled us to safety. That through the whole process of being rescued, between now and the time that we get to see you, you are right there with us. And Father, in a world that wants to define truth, would you help us to show other people what we have with your guidance. That you would help us share your grace with other people so that they could experience your love and your salvation through the Walk to Emmaus. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Spiritual Thoughts

Sometimes God allows what he hates...to accomplish what he loves.

The price of friendship is vulnerability.

Faith is not so much receiving from God what we want but accepting from God what He gives.

God never promises us an easy time. Just a safe arrival.

You can choose your way, but you can't choose the result.

The Bible talks more about God comforting us in times of pain than rescuing us or changing our circumstances.

It is harder to trust God through something than to trust Him for something.

Your future depends on how you decide to remember your past.

You can do more than pray after you have prayed; but you can never do more than pray until you have prayed.

The Choice Is Ours

For all its peculiarities and unevenness, the Bible has a simple story. God made man. Man rejected God. God won't give up until He wins him back. God will whisper. He will shout. He will touch and tug. He will take away our burdens; he'll even take away our blessings. If there are a thousand steps between us and Him, He will take all but the one. But He will leave the final one for us. The choice is ours.

Please understand. His goal is not to make us happy. His goal is not to get you what you want; it is to get you what you need.

By Max Lucado (submitted by Jim Huskey)

The Florist

Joe was opening a new business, and one of his friends decided to send flowers for the occasion. The flowers arrived and Joe read the card. It said, "Rest in peace." Joe, enraged, called the florist to complain. The florist replied, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this: somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new location.'"

Don't Let Me Be Late!

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...but please don't shove me either!"

The Power of Thank You

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us. -Albert Schweitzer

It is time to light the flame within a Pilgrim for the next Walk to Emmaus