

July
2021

Billings
Walk
To
Emmaus

W2E Times

Important Dates!

Fall Kick-Off
September 12, 2021
3:00 p.m.
Riverfront Park

MEN's W2E, #80
January 13-16, 2022
WOMEN's W2E, #81
January 20-23, 2022

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The Bible Boys

There is no question that the Walk to Emmaus weekends are incredible, moving, trans-formative and filled with the Grace of our Lord. The weekends are the foundation for a life-altering time of focus, prayer, commitment and renewal. For me, the weekend also strengthened my resolve to find a group of men who would be willing to continue the journey and form a 4th Day Group. The challenge for me had been to find a group that would be willing to meet in the evenings. I live about an hour from town, so an early morning group, while possible, was not optimal for me. It's tricky trying to find men who can commit to an evening away from home, especially those with young families. However, the Lord had put it in my heart prior to the Walk weekend in 2019 that this was going to be the year! I went into the weekend committed to finding a group of men to group with and get started on my 4th Day adventures. Sure enough, during the weekend, and in the subsequent days following the weekend, I was able to find a group of men who liked the idea of an evening group.

I can't begin to verbalize or put into words what having a 4th Day Group of Christian men has meant to me and my journey with our Lord. I didn't realize how important it is to have a group of men whom I pray with and for, who are on the same journey of commitment and learning, and who are

willing to be vulnerable enough to make our group work. We are not yet even two years old yet, and I feel like I have known these men for a lifetime! Before my Walk weekend, I could not have ever imagined having a group of men who I could ask to pray for me, for my family, or who I could pray for! What an honor to be trusted enough to be asked to listen to and pray for one of my brothers! Equally important, we have a group that is willing to share the highs and lows of life. We've experienced joy, sorrow, life, and death together as a group. We do it together, with love, grace, prayer, and genuine commitment to each other.

The main purpose of this writing is to ask **PLEASE** make every effort to talk to as many people as you can about the Walk. Not only will it be offering a truly trans-formative, life altering weekend, but, hopefully, prayerfully, it will provide the opportunity for new "4th Day'ers" to find a group of like-minded believers whom they can count on to be there through all life throws at us. I would likely **NEVER** have had this opportunity without the Walk to Emmaus!

May God continue to bless our group, The Bible Boys!

Help Someone
Become A
4th-Dayer

Jim Birkelo



FALL KICK-OFF

Hello Walk to Emmaus Family! It is time for our fall Walk to Emmaus Gathering! We are going to be blessed by the beat of the Men's W2E singers, Tim Hathaway, Dave Oltrogge, Tom Blankenship and Clark Marten. We are going to meet on the east end at Riverfront Park, September 12, 2021 at 3 PM. Plan to bring your chairs and food if you would like. We will be supplying water and popcorn for the show!

We have truly missed having our W2E weekends and can't wait to start up again this January. Men's weekend is January 13-16, 2022 and the women's weekend is January 20-23, 2022. Get your candidates signed up and see if they might want to come to this fall's gathering with you!

Blessings and see you soon!

Jim Huskey



Approved to God

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

If you cannot express yourself well on each of your beliefs, work and study until you can. If you don't other people may miss out on the blessings that come from knowing the truth. Strive to re-express a truth of God to yourself clearly and understandably, and God will use that same explanation when you share it with someone else. But you must be willing to go through God's winepress where the grapes are crushed. You must struggle, experiment, and rehearse your words to express God's truth clearly. Then the time will come when that very expression will become God's wine of strength to someone else. But if you are not diligent and say, "I'm not going to study and struggle to express this truth in my own words; I'll just borrow my words from someone else," then the words will be of no value to you or to others. Try to state to yourself what you believe to be the absolute truth of God, and you will be allowing God the opportunity to pass it through you to someone else.

Always make it a practice to stir your own mind thoroughly to think through what you have easily believed. Your position is not really yours until you make it yours through suffering and study. The author or speaker from whom you learn the most is not the one who teaches you something you didn't know before, but the one who helps you take a truth with which you have quietly struggled, give it expression, and speak it clearly and boldly.

From "My Utmost For His Highest" December 15

BIBLE TRIVIA

(WEDDING BELLS)

1. Who was the first man mentioned in the Bible to have more than one wife.

Hint: Genesis 4:19

2. Who married both Rachel and Leah?

Hint: Genesis 29:1-35

3. Whose father's wives were named Hannah and Peninnah?

Hint: 1 Samuel 1:1-2

4. What king was married to Ahinoam?

Hint: 1 Samuel 14:50

5. Who married two of Judah's sons?

Hint: Genesis 38:1-30

6. What king of Judah had fourteen wives?

Hint: 2 Chronicles 13:21

SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS

Evangelism is just one beggar telling another where to find bread.

Your choices are more powerful than your circumstances.

If you see a turtle on a fence post, you know he had help getting there.

God's grace is not a license to do what we want, but the liberty to do what we should.

The ultimate goal of bible study is to practice the truth.

Faith is being certain of what we do not feel.

Maturity means living by your commitments, not your feelings.

You will never be content if happiness depends on someone else's behavior.

Learn to talk to yourself rather than listen to yourself.

Therefore, Do Not Lose Heart

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:16

A new member of the bridge club showed up one afternoon wearing a beautiful gold locket. Another player approached her and said, *"That's such a lovely piece. Do you keep a memento in it?"*

"Yes," the women answered. *"It's a piece of my husband's hair I keep to help me remember."*

"Oh, I'm so sorry," the player replied. *"How long ago did he pass away?"*

The newcomer quipped, *"Pass away? Oh, he's still alive. It's his hair that's gone!"*

Someone once said, "Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many." And with so much focus today on doing whatever it takes to stay young, many people completely miss out on a biblical understanding of what it means to age. They miss the fact that their gray hairs, baldness, wrinkles, and aches all have a purpose in the plan of God.

So, what is the right biblical understanding of aging? Well, as we see in the above passage, aging is a lifetime trade-off of the physical for the spiritual. Young people may have more physical vitality but are usually less mature spiritually. As we get older, however, we may lose our physical strength, but we grow spiritually and become more equipped to invest in others' lives.

Be willing to make the trade-off. Don't despise growing older. Instead, embrace your aging as a sign that while you may lose physical vigor, you're growing each day in spiritual strength!



Unexpressed Faith

Excerpts from "Re-energize Your Life" by Rick Warren Pages 31-35

Do you know that God has a message that He wants to say to the world through you? It is a unique message that only you can share. It's called your life message. If you don't share that message, if you don't express it, two very sad things happen. One, the world gets cheated. If you don't share your life message, nobody else will. And second, you will lose your passion. Why? Because you reflect the character of God when you become a giver. You were made for more than taking in. You were made to give out. That's an important part of living a passion-filled life.

How long has it been since you told someone about what God has done for you? The bible says in 1 Peter 2:9, "You are...God's instruments to do His work and speak out for Him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference He made for you" (The Message). You don't have to be a theologian. You don't have to be a Bible expert. You just express the difference God has made in your life. God created us to take in and give out."

Isn't this the message we need to take to others about what the Walk to Emmaus has done in our lives? Just tell your story, give them our brochures and testimonies and God will take care of the rest. Someone once told me that you have not received the full benefits of the Walk to Emmaus until you have sponsored someone. That message has been true in my life, and I hope it will be true in yours.