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2021

Billings
Walk
To
Emmaus

W2E Times

Important Dates!

Fall Kick-Off
September 18, 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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We are
Socially Distant
but
Spiritually Close

How's Your Study?

Study is not a four letter word. Yet, many people seem to be put off by it....maybe recurring nightmares of high school or college? No, this is the good kind of study; study you want to do. "Growth Through Study" was the sixth talk of your Walk to Emmaus weekend and the second leg of the tripod.

If you recall, the tripod consists of three legs: **piety**, **study** and **action**. These tools are essential to deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ and must be given equal attention or your tripod, your walk with Jesus, will collapse and leave you sitting on the floor. Not a great place to be, especially if you have bad knees and can't get up.

Piety, study and action are **not interchangeable**. One can't be substituted for another. To be a dynamic disciple of Christ, we must worship Him (**piety**), learn more about Him (**study**) and strive to be Jesus to others (**action**).

Paul, the apostle, said we are transformed through the renewal of our minds. We renew our minds by applying them to worthy topics and activities. Jesus told us that knowledge of truth will set us free. The aim of study for a Christian, therefore, is to **grow in spiritual wisdom and put on the mind of Christ**.

There are many forms of study. Obviously, the most **direct way** to gain spiritual wisdom is to study the Bible, either on your own or with a group. There are podcasts available to read the Bible in a year. Just Google "Bible in a year". This is good for those who would rather listen than read. There are numerous websites and videos available for on-line Bible study, how to read it and help to understand.

Add a **daily devotional** (or two) to your life, such as "The Upper Room", "God Calling", "Living Bread", and hundreds more. Daily devotionals help us grow in our spirituality and keep our minds and hearts focused on God.

Good **Christian books** are ubiquitous (love that word). They're everywhere. There are easy to understand books, like the "Joshua" series by Joseph Girzone. There are more sophisticated books, like "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. One of my favorites is "The Book of God", the Bible written as a novel by Walter Wangerin, Jr. It's an awesome read! Study the lives and wisdom of Saints. Look for books by outstanding Christian authors, like Max Lucado, C.S. Lewis, and Scott Hahn. Try historical fiction books, such as the "Voice in the Wind" trilogy by Francine Rivers.

If you haven't watched it yet, I highly recommend "**The Chosen**" television series by Dallas Jenkins. The second season is out and they're working on a third season. It's very realistic and will touch your heart and soul. It is funded mostly by contributions and can be streamed from several sources. Just Google "The Chosen". You will be happy you did.

Study is not limited to reading books and watching films. The opportunity to study is all around us. Start by studying yourself - what are your gifts? Your spiritual purpose in life? Your motives? Your needs and weaknesses? Also study others. Get to know them from a spiritual perspective. Look for Jesus in them. Talk with them about God. Study your Church - its history, its role in society, issues at hand.

Finally, study current events, human issues, and the state of humanity today. God loves the World so much that His Son came and died for it. We need to understand our world because God calls us to be ministers in the midst of it.

So, surround yourself with study. Not only good for the soul, study is necessary to becoming a dynamic disciple of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Call me if you want to borrow a few good Christian books!

Patsy Guenther

BIBLE TRIVIA

(THAT MAKES SCENTS)

1. Whose harem contained women who were purified with various perfumes?

Hint: Esther 2:12-14

2. In the Gospel of John, who anointed Jesus's feet with spikenard, an expensive ointment?

Hint: John 12:3

3. In the Gospel of Luke, where was Jesus when a sinful woman poured an alabaster jar of perfume on his feet?

Hint: Luke 7:36

4. What men used myrrh and frankincense as perfume?

Hint: Song of Solomon 3:6-7

5. What prophet refused to use anointing oils during mourning?

Hint: Daniel 10:2-3

6. According to the book of Proverbs, ointment and perfume do what?

Hint: Proverbs 27:9



The Harvest

There is now no time to lose: the work of harvest brooks no delay. "But the laborers are few." It is hardly surprising that so few are granted to see things with the pitying eyes of Jesus, for only those who share the love of His heart have been given eyes to see. And only they can enter the harvest field. Jesus is looking for help, for he cannot do the work alone. Who will come forward to help him and work with Him? Only God knows, and he must give them to His Son. No man dare presume to come forward and offer himself on his own initiative, not even the disciples themselves. Their duty is to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers at the right moment, for the time is ripe. (Page 203 from *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer) **Have you contacted friends and family members and discussed the upcoming Walk to Emmaus with them? The time is ripe.**

Death, What a Wonderful Way to Explain It...

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know..." "You don't know? You're a Christian Man, and don't know what's on the other side?" The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a golden retriever sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing...I know my Master is there and that is enough for me."



FALL KICK-OFF

You won't want to miss the Fall Kick-Off of the Walk to Emmaus! We will be gathering at **Riverfront Park at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 18** for a concert by our much-loved musicians, Dave Oltrogge, Tom Blankenship, and Pastor Tim Hathaway. What a great way to kick-off the preparations for the upcoming Walk weekends! Watch upcoming newsletters for more details about this fun event. **Mark your calendars now!**

SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS

What consumes us controls us.

Forgiveness is not having to understand first.

He knows your heart...He has not left you alone.

We tend to proceed through life the way we want it to be rather than the way it is.

Beware of the inclination to dictate to God as to what you will allow to happen if you obey Him.

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

Two greatest truths one likely learns from brokenness is our own limitations and God's unlimited grace.

Maybe the greatest earthly good God will do through the things you have suffered will be in someone else's life, and not your own.

Prop Us Up On Our Leaning Side

A pastor of a little country church would conclude each sermon by asking one of the members of the church to stand up and pray the benediction. When he called on one particular farmer, the man always prayed the strangest thing: "Oh, Lord, prop us up on our leaning side." It did not matter what topic the pastor preached; the farmer's prayer was always the same. Finally, the pastor got curious. "Why do you always pray that same thing?" he asked the farmer.

The man responded, "Well, sir, it's like this. I got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time. It's withstood a lot of weather; it's gone through a lot of storms and it's stood for many years. It's still standing. But one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So, I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its leaning side so it wouldn't fall.

"Then I got to thinking about how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time. I've withstood a lot of life's storms, and I've withstood a lot of bad weather in life. I've withstood a lot of hard times, and I'm still standing, too. But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop me up on my leaning side."

A lot of us get to leaning at times. Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning toward shame and condemnation, leaning toward a lot of things that we shouldn't. So, we need to pray, "Lord, prop us up on our leaning side, so we will stand straight and tall again to glorify You."



Have a Prayer Request?

Our Prayer Request form is now available for your use on our website (www.billingsemmaus.com). Once at the website, click on "Community" and a drop-down menu will allow you to go to the form. Complete the information requested and submit.