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Billings Walk To Emmaus

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#### A message from Pastor Angie



Greetings, Walk to Emmaus Family!

My heart is full of thanksgiving and joy when I look back on the Walk to Emmaus Weekends #82 and #83. Nothing brings a bigger smile to my face than thinking about the 38 pilgrims (16 men and 22 women) becoming new Fourth Dayers and joining our Walk community. I've spent the last few days processing the 2024 Walk Weekends and the aspect I am particularly moved by is the amount of prayer that happened. Every minute of every Walk weekend was covered in prayer and in moments of exhaustion, I was comforted to know there were many people praying for us through the 96-hour prayer vigil. Every talk was Spirit-filled and it was an honor to pray over every speaker before and after their talk. Singing "may the Spirit of the Lord be upon you; we bless you in the name of the Lord" over every speaker was a powerful prayer and one of my favorite Walk traditions.

The New Testament is filled with passages instructing us to pray for one another. In Paul's letter to the Colossians, the apostle shows us we are called to pray for fellow believers, celebrate their faith, and give thanks for them. In Colossians 1, Paul tells the church of Colossae that he and Timothy "always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you." Even though Paul had not met the Colossian believers face to face, he prayed for them and thanked God for them. Why? Because of their faith and the passion they had for Jesus and the advancement the Gospel. Even though many of you will never know our 2024 pilgrims personally, your prayers for them were powerful and effective and I give thanks to God for your faithful praying during the 2024 Walks!

When we pray for one another, God brings our thoughts, motives, and actions into alignment with His own. With an attitude of thanksgiving, we have the privilege of praying for the Lord's will to be done in our Walk community and our world. As I sit and reminisce on the #82 and #83 Walks, I celebrate the faith of every person that contributed to these weekends and thank God for their transformational agape love.

To everyone who worked in the background cooking meals, washing dishes, putting up decorations, sharing agape, delivering agape, and covering us in prayer; we thank God for you and your dedication and love. To everyone who served on team and lead a family group; we thank you for your hard work and your leadership. To our musicians Dave Oltrogee, Clark Marten, Suzie Garcia and Carolyn Story; thank you for your amazing ministry of music. To our men's head table members Jim Birkelo, Glenn Paulson, John Goodheart, and Tim Guenthner; thank you for your wisdom and your guidance. To our women's head table members Angie Klier, Sherry Dompier, Becky Muller, and Nancy Barbula; thank you for your passion and your leadership. To our background led by lay coordinators Murray Brumwell, John Felton, Patsy Guenthner, and Karen Poling; thank you for your selfless acts of service. And finally, to my co-spiritual director, Tim Hathaway; thank you for mentoring me and allowing me to serve alongside you. When I say my daily prayers, I give thanks to God for every one of you and thank the Lord that I get to be a part of such an amazing community of believers. DeColores!

With Prayer and Thanksgiving, Pastor Angie Dornisch

# SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS

Faith—an unshakable belief that God will do what He promised to do.

Empathy is your pain in my heart.

Comparison is the thief of joy.

We can't change what we experience, but we can choose how the experience changes us.

Biblical hope is a confident expectation of a guaranteed result.

A sin is not simply the bad things we do, but also the good things we do not do.

The single greatest proof that we belong to God is our obedience to Him.

It is not our first response to God's call that is important but our final response.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Jim Elliot

# This lovely poem was written by Johna NoRunner as she attended Walk to Emmaus, #83

I took a walk down a dusty road
I took a walk, remembering the story I was told

Two men met a man walking all alone
Two men told this man to come to their home

They told him the story of Jesus and how he had to die They told the story of Jesus & how he was crucified

They didn't know who this man was, but they still let him in They didn't know who this man was, but their hearts burned within

Jesus sat silently with a smile on his face

Jesus sat silently as he gave them both grace

"Oh, ye of little faith, finding an empty tomb I spoke of this when I was in the upper room"

He reminded them of scripture and then he broke the bread Their eyes were open and they saw that he was not dead

A Walk to Emmaus after Jesus rose from the grave
A Walk to Emmaus is the same I walk today

## BIBLE TRIVIA (Christian Missions)

1. Who prayed with John that the Samaritans would receive the Holy Spirit?

Hint: Acts 8:14-15

- 2. Who was sent by God to restore Saul's eye sight? Hint: Acts 9:10-12
- 3. Who witnessed to a eunuch in a chariot? Hint: Acts 8:26-27
- 4. Who was the prophet the Ethiopian eunuch was reading? Hint: Acts 8:30
- 5. Who interceded on behalf of Saul after his conversion? Hint: Acts 9:27
- 6. Who caught Philip up, and the eunuch saw him no more? Hint: Acts 8:39
- 7. Who wanted to buy the power of the Holy Spirit? Hint: Acts 8:18-19





### Welcome, New Fourth Dayers!

Dylan Albert, Jason Ascheman, Kyle Augustine,
Colleen Barrett, Kilah Bolles, Laura Cain, Drew Carothers,
Darrel Coram, Antonia Craighill, Chelsea Dick, Josh Eoff,
Tanisha Erhart, Sharon Fiscus, Jim Fortenberry,
Ardell Grimm, Vicki Hansen, Amy Herman, Mat Hirst,
Kate Hoff, Vernon Johnson, Teresa Keller, Lee Killman,
Ruth Killman, Paul LaBrie, Peggy Lankard, Jen LaPierre,
Helen McCann, Johna NoRunner, Lisa Pearce,
Maria Salinas, Vicki Schwarz, Richie Seymour,
JD Shanahan, Clark Stirgus, Lacie Stivers,
Mark Thomas, Anna Tooke, Eric VanWInkle

May the Spirit of the Lord be Upon You!