

June  
2022

Billings  
Walk  
To  
Emmaus

W2E Times

Important  
Dates!

FALL KICK-OFF  
September 17,  
2022

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

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

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## He Loves Your Faithful Service



WOODROW WILSON WAS ON HIS WHISTLE-STOP TRAIN TOUR OF THE U.S. WHEN HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THE TRAIN STOPPED IN BILLINGS, MONTANA. AS WAS CUSTOM, HE WAS STANDING AT THE REAR OF THE LAST RAILROAD CAR SPEAKING TO A CROWD FROM THE PLATFORM.

TWO LITTLE BOYS ELBOWED THEIR WAY THROUGH THE CROWD TO GET CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT. ONE OF THEM OFFERED MR. WILSON A SMALL AMERICAN FLAG, WHICH HE GLADLY ACCEPTED. THE OTHER DIDN'T HAVE A FLAG, SO HE REACHED DOWN IN HIS POCKET, TOOK OUT A DIME, AND OFFERED IT TO THE PRESIDENT.

WILSON REACHED DOWN, TOOK THE DIME, AND THANKED THE LITTLE FELLOW.

FIVE YEARS LATER, WOODROW WILSON DIED. AS HIS WIFE WAS GOING THROUGH HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS, SHE STUMBLED ACROSS THAT DIME—WRAPPED IN A PIECE OF PAPER AND TUCKED IN THE PRESIDENT'S WALLET. HE TREASURED THAT SMALL GIFT SO MUCH HE KEPT IT WITH HIM AT ALL TIMES.

THAT'S HOW GOD FEELS ABOUT YOU. HE TREASURES EVEN WHAT YOU FEEL LIKE IS THE MOST MEAGER DISPLAY OF LOVE—A SIMPLE WORD OF THANKS OR ACT OF SERVICE. THAT'S BECAUSE THE HEART BEHIND THE GIFT OF SERVICE IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE GIFT ITSELF.

**DON'T EVER BELIEVE YOU HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE TO GOD.  
HE LOVES YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE—NO MATTER HOW  
BIG OR SMALL!**

***ARE YOU READY TO VOLUNTEER FOR  
THE JANUARY 2023 WALK TO EMMAUS?***

SPIRITUAL  
THOUGHTS

GOD DOES NOT DRIVE HIS SHEEP; HE LEADS THEM.

REGRETS ARE GIFTS MEANT TO TURN US AROUND, NOT DESTINATIONS WHERE WE SHOULD PLAN TO LIVE.

OUR SALVATION DOES NOT PROTECT US FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN BUT FROM THE POWER OF SIN

OUR FOCUS DETERMINES OUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION.

THERE IS A CERTAIN KIND OF MATURITY THAT CAN BE ATTAINED ONLY THROUGH THE DISCIPLINE OF SUFFERING.

WE LIVE UNDER GRACE, NOT UNDER JUDGEMENT.

HOW CAN WE LOVE IF THERE IS NO CHOICE NOT TO LOVE?

MORE IN LIFE IS CAUGHT BY EXAMPLE THAN TAUGHT BY WORDS.

GOD WILL GIVE US EVERYTHING WE HAVE EVER WANTED, IN EXCHANGE FOR EVERYTHING WE HAVE EVER WANTED TO GET RID OF.

**MAKING DISCIPLES**

We're all involved in the work of making disciples. The question is, whose disciples are we making? Every single day, through your words, actions, or even inaction, you draw someone near to Christ or push them away. It's a heavy responsibility to know that you're a disciple maker. But the good news is that you are not alone. Christ assures you, "I am with you always, to the very end of the age." So, who's reading the Gospel you're writing today? Is it a family member or maybe your neighbor? The point is that the world is watching, and what they think of Jesus may come down to what they think of you.

**WHO WILL YOU INVITE  
TO THE JANUARY 2023  
WALK TO EMMAUS?**



**WALK TO EMMAUS PICNIC A HIT!**

Rainy weather did not dampen the spirits of the good folks who attended the Walk to Emmaus Picnic on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The event was moved from Riverfront Park to First United Methodist Church and 60 friends had a wonderful time at the "indoor picnic"! Everyone enjoyed a great time of fellowship. Brother Van Hall was filled with the sound of laughter and conversations. There were many hugs and smiles. And a delicious catered meal was enjoyed by all. Mark your calendar for our next gathering on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> when we come together at Riverfront Park at 3:00 pm for the Fall Kick-Off.



## BIBLE

## TRIVIA

(Have a laugh!)

1. WHO WAS LAUGHED AT FOR SAYING THAT A DEAD GIRL WAS ONLY ASLEEP?

HINT: MATTHEW 9:23-24

2. WHO DANCED WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM WHEN THE ARK OF THE COVENANT WAS BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM?

HINT: 2 SAMUEL 6:12-14

3. AFTER THE EXODUS, THE ISRAELITES DANCED IN FRONT OF WHAT GRAVEN IMAGE?

HINT: EXODUS 32:4,19

4. WHAT ELDERLY WOMEN SAID, "GOD HATH MADE ME TO LAUGH, SO THAT ALL THAT HEAR WILL LAUGH WITH ME.?"

HINT: GENESIS 21:6

5. IN THE BEATITUDES, TO WHOM DID JESUS PROMISE LAUGHTER?

HINT: LUKE 6:21

6. WHOSE DAUGHTER DANCED AFTER HIS VICTORY OVER THE AMMONITES?

HINT: JUDGES 11:34

7. WHO WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH DANCING WHEN DAVID CAUGHT THEM?

HINT: 1 SAMUEL 30:16-19

8. WHO LAUGHED WHEN HE LEARNED OF NEHEMIAH'S PLANS TO REBUILD JERUSALEM?

HINT: NEHEMIAH 2:19

## NEW LIFE THROUGH ADVERSITY

The Lodgepole Pine trees covering large parts of Yellowstone National Park offer a powerful lesson in adversity.

The cones of the pine hang on the tree for years without falling to the ground and releasing their seed. In fact, even when the cone does fall, it often remains tightly closed.

So how have these reluctant trees grown to blanket the park with forests?

They've grown through adversity. When a forest fire rages, destroying all the trees in its path, the intense heat actually causes the Lodgepole Pine cones to burst open and finally release their seed. So out of devastation, these unique pines are often the first trees to produce new growth.

God never promises that we'll escape adversity in life. But He does promise that He will hold in the midst of every storm. And that through your struggle He will bring about something beautiful for His glory and your greatest good.

**So, whether you're facing the dark clouds of tragedy or the struggles of everyday life, trust today that God loves you. He's with you, and He can cultivate new life through your adversity.**



## A DAY AT THE BEACH

A little boy walked down the beach, and as he did, he spied a woman sitting under a beach umbrella on the sand. He walked up to her and asked, "Are you a Christian?" She said, "Yes." "Do you read your Bible every day?" She nodded her head, "Yes." "Do you pray often?", the boy asked next. And again, she answered, "Yes." With that, he asked his final question, "Will you hold my quarter while I go swimming?"