

September
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
April 21-24, 2022
WOMEN's W2E, #81
April 28-May 1, 2022

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Help Someone
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4th-Dayer

Moving the Walk Back to April 2022 God Makes All Things Beautiful in His Time

Last week I had the blessed experience of gathering around a table with the 4th dayers who faithfully serve as members of the Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors. What a fine group of loving, faith-filled people they are! The members of our board of directors are a diverse group of folks from different church affiliations, political views, life experiences and age groups. But there is no diversity in their love of our Lord and their appreciation for the blessing of the Walk to Emmaus in their lives. We are many parts, but we are one body in Christ. (1 Cor. 12:12)

The board gathered to discuss the current situation as the pandemic is again beginning to surge. After much prayer and heartfelt conversation, it was decided to postpone the upcoming Walk weekends until next Spring. Our decision was based on our united desire to provide weekends where pilgrims are able to safely interact and fully embrace one another as the grace-filled weekends evolve. We agreed that a Walk to Emmaus experience cannot be virtual or distanced... it is a time to embrace and not to refrain from embracing. (Ecc. 3:5)

The new dates for the Walk to Emmaus weekends are April 21-24, 2022 for the men's weekend and April 28-May 1 for the women's weekend. In the meantime, we wait, pray and prepare for those wonderful weekends. Please plan to be a part of those events as a volunteer, a sponsor and a prayer vigil participant. We know that God has wonderful plans for the next Walk weekends and we wait patiently and hopefully for His plans to be fulfilled.

I am happy to inform you that our community will gather outdoors at Riverfront Park on September 12, 2021 at 3:00 pm for our annual Fall Gathering. We will enjoy the spirited music of our beloved "Homeward" musicians. **Masks are welcome.** What a great opportunity to be with our 4th day friends and worship together in God's beautiful creation. I can't wait to see you then.

Thank you for your prayers and perseverance as we make our way through the challenges of the current times. **We know that God will make all things beautiful in His time. (Ecc. 3:11)**

Dan Poling

BIBLE TRIVIA

(RULERS)

1. Who was the first king to reign in Jerusalem?

Hint: 1 Kings 2:11

2. What ruler ordered that Daniel be thrown into the lions' den?

Hint: Daniel 6:1-16

3. What imprisoned man interpreted the dreams of the Egyptian pharaoh?

Hint: Genesis 41:1-40

4. What wise king became allies with Egypt when he married Pharaoh's daughter?

Hint: 1 Kings 3:1

5. What king of Moab commanded that the prophet Balaam go and curse Israel?

Hint: Numbers 22:2-7

6. What son of Gideon (Jerubbaal) became king of Shechem?

Hint: Judges 9:1-6

7. What king of the Amalekites was captured by Saul and severed into pieces by Samuel?

Hint: 1 Samuel 15:1-35

8. David sought refuge with what Philistine king after fleeing from Saul?

Hint: 1 Samuel 21:10

A Black Dot in the Center

As a minister was addressing a group of men one day, he took a large piece of paper and made a black dot in the center of it with a permanent pen. Then he held the paper up before the group and asked them what they saw. One person quickly replied, "I see a black dot."

"Right! Do you see anything other than the dot?" he asked. The men shook their heads "no".

"I'm really surprised," the minister commented. "You have completely overlooked the most important thing of all—the sheet of paper."

Then he made the application. He said that in life we are often distracted by small, dot-like disappointments and are prone to forget the blessings we receive from the Lord. But like the sheet of paper, the good things are far more important than the adversities that consume us.

Many people spend so much time concentrating on the trials of life. But instead, we should fix our attention upon God's blessings. Make it a point today to thank God for all He's done in your life and let His joy fill you!

A Little Boy's Prayer



A young boy and his dad were seated at the dining room table, while mom put the finishing touches on their Sunday dinner. While waiting, the father asked his son if he would say the prayer for their meal. The youngster nodded his head excitedly—but when his mother brought the food out, his enthusiasm faded.

Pausing for a moment to stare at the bubbling casserole set before him, the little boy shrugged his shoulders and prayed, "God, I'm really not sure what it is. But thanks anyway. And I'll still eat it."

One of the hardest things for believers to do is to trust that God knows what He's doing in our lives—to believe that whatever He sets in front of us is for our good. Instead, we often grow angry or afraid when God allows something into our lives that we don't expect or recognize. But we can exchange that anger and fear for joy when we learn to pray like Jesus and trust in God's will over our own.

The truth is God's in complete control, even when you can't make sense of what's going on. He loves you—and if you'll trust Him in all things—you'll experience the peace of His presence like never before! **Prayer challenge:** Ask God to help us desire His will in our lives over our own.

My Dad's Job

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.00." The second boy says, "That's nothing, my dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.00." Little Johnny says, "I got you both beat. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS

We change when biblical truth becomes louder than our past experience.

The two most important days of your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.

Do you have more screen-time than bible time?

Everything outside of Christ is saltwater, and it only leaves you thirstier than before.

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." Martin Luther

The main problem with doubt, is not what it does to us. It is what it keeps us from doing.

When we cease to worship God, we do not worship nothing. We worship anything.

Reading the bible allows the bible to read you.

Don't worry about tomorrow - God is already there.

It is Well With My Soul

Written by Max Lucado

Some time ago I made a special visit to the American Colony Hotel in Jerusalem. I wanted to see the handwritten lyrics that hang on the wall, framed and visible for all to see. Horatio Spafford wrote them, never imagining they would become the words to one of the world's best-loved hymns.

On December 2, 1873, he received a telegram from his wife that began, "Saved alone. What shall I do?" The ship she was on collided with another ship and sunk. Their four daughters drowned, and Anna survived. While sailing on the ship to bring her home, Spafford wrote the lyrics to a song that would become an anthem to the providence of God.

"Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say...It is well with My Soul!"



Morning Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for promising to comfort and provide for me. Each day, you give me many opportunities to draw near to you. As I prepare for the day ahead, Holy Spirit, help me discern if there is anything standing in the way of an intimate connection with you - any sinful or unhealthy attachment to the world. Father, I want to be so captivated by you that you overflow from my mind and mouth and express yourself through my hands and feet. Let my devotion become obedience; my obedience, freedom; and my freedom, the light you shine to others. Lord, please give me the grace, wisdom, and strength today to do your will. AMEN

Evening Prayer



Heavenly Father, you are gracious and merciful. Though I miss the mark every day, you promise me a full, abundant life - true freedom in your presence. And yet I confess that following you sometimes feels like a burden and I'm quick to reach for something or someone else. As I reflect on my day, I ask for courage to confront all I cling to and for your guidance into a life that is truly free - of sin, empty performance, unrealistic expectations, apathy, and pride. Father, help me rest in the abundance that comes from communion with you. Lead me to eternal joy and help me stay near you with every step. AMEN

Does God Exist?

A college student was in Philosophy class, where a class discussion about whether or not God exists was in progress. The professor had the following logic: "Has anyone in this class seen God?" Nobody spoke.

"Has anyone in this class touched God?" Again, nobody spoke. "Has anyone ever heard God?" When nobody spoke for the third time, he simply stated, "Then there is no God." One of the students did not like the sound of this, and asked for permission to speak. The professor granted it, and the student stood up. "Has anyone in this class seen our professor's brain?" he asked.