



COMMUNITY CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

The great paradox of Christian faith is this: That we are unbelievably, completely depraved in our natures and divorced from the living God who created us and we are also unimaginably, gloriously redeemed and blessed with eternal life through the cross of Jesus Christ.

As believers we tend to fall into one of these two extremes: wallowing in our depravity, feeling helpless and hopeless or boasting of our status in the sight of God. Each of these extremes can be further extended by our status in the sight of the world. For some reason we draw conclusions about our spiritual status from our economic position in society, imagining that they are indications of God's favor or disfavor. There are several noted preachers around who push us along in this regard. Those of us who are lowly in the eyes of the world need to know that we are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

Charles Spurgeon, the great British preacher, put it this way;

"It would have been surprising grace if Jesus would have allowed us to eat the crumbs of his bounty from beneath the table of his mercy; but he will do nothing by halves, he makes us sit with him and share his feast. He has not been content with less than making us co-heirs with himself, so that we might have equal possessions. There is not one room in his house the key of which he will withhold from his people. He gives them full liberty to take all that he has to be their own. The boundless fullness of his all-sufficiency is as free to avail yourself, believer, as the air you breathe."

On the other hand, those who are rich and successful in the eyes of the world may need to be reminded frequently that they are thoroughly depraved sinners who are alive with hope only through the grace that is theirs in Jesus Christ. It is human nature to distort the blessings we have

been given. Even the riches of the gifts of the Spirit can become sources of pride and contention as we use what we have been given to judge the work of grace in others. For instance, oddly enough, those who have been given the gift of mercy can have contempt for those who seem to have a lack of it. If God has given a person a burden for a problem in society, he or she can be unhappy unless everyone else shares that same concern.

The truth is that both extremes are true.

Nothing can change the fact that we have come from a lowly place and nothing can take away the fact that in Christ we are headed to a home in glory. From the death and decay of earth to the unchanging glory and riches of heaven – what a story!

So – do you dwell on your humble circumstances and your sinful condition?

Meditate on the riches of the kingdom to which you are heirs with Jesus.

Do you feel superior to others because of the worldly or spiritual riches God has entrusted to you?

Remember the lowly place from which God's grace alone has brought you. You are not your own. You have been bought with a price. God has called you to serve others, not to lord your blessings over them.

But regardless of your circumstances, both extremes are true for every believer.

The story of grace is truly amazing.

Your co-Spiritual Director

Bill Kelley

MEN'S WALK #36 TEAM & PILGRIM LISTS

Pilgrim	Church	Sponsor
Norman Allen	Tremont United Methodist	Karen Packer
Ray Bartlett	Lake Avenue Christian Church	Jacob Berner
Robert Belle	Restored Life Ministries	Joyce & Elmer Penwell
James Berner	Lake Avenue Christian Church	Jacob Berner
Jonathan Bishop	Divine and Deliverance	Edith Hardy
Jay Brazelton	Fellowship Christian	John Keeran
Matt Brown	St. Paul A.M.E.	Kalen Howell
Paul Buckles	Grace Evangelical Lutheran	Libby Hammond
Shane Burgel	Urbana Church of the Nazarene	Richard Oberg
David Chamberlin	Lake Avenue Christian Church	Jacob Berner
Chris Dunnville	FPCG	Sim Bowen
Stanley Everingham	High Street United Methodist	Mary Hopkins
David Examitas	None Listed	Chip Comer
Craig Fitch	New Beginnings of Huber Heights	Sim Bowen
Dennis Freshour	First Christian Church	Joe Lippa
James Gillham	First Pentecostal Church of God	Sim Bowen
Philip Hale	None Listed	Sim Bowen
Micah Hanks	Journey Church	P A Hummel
Larry Hyche	Freedom Road Church	Veronique White
Larry Kestner	First Christian Church	John Chambers & Ed Jones
James King	New Hope Four Square Church	Iris Dunn
Jay Mishler	First Pentecostal Church of God	Sim Bowen
Jeff Moats	Lake Avenue Christian Church	Kim Stehle
Todd Nelson	Libre Program	Sim Bowen
Richard Newland	None Listed	Dewey & Mary Casto
Virgil Perrin	Greater Grace Temple	P.A. Rummel
Tim Ricketts	Nation Chapel UMC	Rev. Cindee Johnson
Vernon O.Rogers	St. Philip Episcopal Church	Allena B. Rogers
Steven Ruch	Faircreek	Sue Neves
Ken Seelig	Out to Pastor Ministries	Rick & Shawn Clark
Kenneth Seelig III	Renewed Strength Church	Rick & Shawn Clark
Jason Smith	None Listed	P.A. Rummel
Eric Swenson	Mechanicsburg United Methodist	Harley Roston
Rick Wade	Fellowship Christian	John Chambers
Ken Walls	North Hampton Community Church	Larry Cogan
Jeff Webb	Lake Avenue Christian Church	Jacob Berner
Wes Wilson	St. Mary's Urbana	Dave Johnson

	Lay Director David Southward	
	Board Representative Jim Yoakem	
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Table Leader	Jim Ehalt	Assistant Table Leader
Table Leader	Sim Bowen	Assistant Table Leader
Table Leader	Dwight Dobbins	Assistant Table Leader
Table Leader	Dan Moss	Assistant Table Leader
Table Leader	David Moss	Assistant Table Leader
Table Leader	Joe Datko	Assistant Table Leader
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		Bud Addis
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		Garry Hollander

SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS TEAMS DON'T JUST HAPPEN!

Have you ever wondered how people are chosen to serve on a live-in team? Why close friends and sometimes even relatives of the weekend Lay Director are not selected to be on his or her team? Please don't blame the Lay Director!

Team members are prayerfully selected and chosen by a Team Selection Committee that consists of the Team Selection Committee Chairman (Community Leadership position), Community Lay Director, Community Spiritual Directors, the Lay Director of the Walk and two At-Large Members. Special emphasis is placed on representing differing geographical areas of the Emmaus Community.

Names of potential team members are drawn from the Emmaus Community database. The Board has determined that only those who have submitted Willing Servant Sheets and/or support Walks by working in the kitchen or logistics will be eligible to serve on a live-in team.

It is essential that that you sign in when you serve in the kitchen or work logistics on a weekend. Willing Servant Sheet information and weekend workers are entered into the database for team selection information.

Lists of eligible candidates for each team position are forwarded to the Team Selection Committee members. Each Committee member selects a complete team from the list of eligibles and brings his/her team list to a scheduled Team Selection Meeting. Team Selection members present their nominations for the team positions, the nominees are voted upon by all Committee members, and those receiving the most votes are called by the weekend Lay Director.

The criteria for team selection are: (1) Regularly attends a Share Group; (2) Actively participates in their church; 3) Active in Fourth Day activities, such as Emmaus/Chrysalis/Kairos weekends and monthly Gatherings, and (4) Lives a life of faith and service.

The Team Selection Committee system is mandated for all Emmaus communities by the Upper Room, United Methodist Church.

If you have any questions, please contact John Ahlborn, 322-1958 or jahlborn@woh.rr.com.

...FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADER

As we all know, the price of everything has sky-rocketed in the past few years, which has increased the total price of having each Walk weekend. Your Board is continuously at work to keep costs down for each Walk in order to give the Pilgrims a loving walk with Jesus. We had an increase to \$65.00 per weekend not too long ago. We don't want to raise it again. Although we want to provide a memorable experience for the Pilgrims, increases in food and supply costs only allows us to vary our menu for those on medically approved diets. The menu we follow has worked for many years, it is healthy and approved by a doctor in our Emmaus community. Cost wise it works well for our budget. Therefore, we need to stick closely to it in order to meet budgeted amounts per Walk. Although, we would love to add a variety of menu selections, we just cannot due to increases in the majority of food products. Actually, we are spending more on each Walk weekend than we are bringing in. Each pilgrim is charged \$65.00 and each team member pays \$30.00 for the weekend. That amount generally covers most of the food, but it does not always cover supplies, etc. that are provided for each weekend. Regardless, we as a loving, faithful Emmaus community wish to offer God's Best, and so we offer His love in serving the healthiest, best meals possible and in providing a generous, loving Walk with Jesus. We ask that you please attend Gatherings this coming year. Our focus is to educate the community on the dynamics and flow of the Walks and how each part connects into a whole.

Don't forget!

The picnic is September 7 (2:30 PM - 7 PM), at the 402 Park on Derr Road.

Remember, it is God's intention that we should touch lives, enrich spirits, and bring souls into HIS care and management.

Yours in Christ,
Your Community Lay Director,
Larry McMahan

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UPCOMING GATHERINGS!

Sunday, August 10, 7:00 PM. - specials by Chrysalis

Sunday, September 7, 2:30 PM - 7 PM:

Picnic at the UAW local 402 Park on Derr Road
near Moorefield.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP:

After each gathering, there will be a time of fellowship
and food.

If you plan to stay, please bring a dish to share.

SHARE GROUPS

If you don't have a share group, please contact our
good shepherds:

Women: Mary Ahlborn (937) 322-1958

Men: Sim Bowen (937) 605-1066

WALK DATES:

Men's Walks

#36 August 14—17, 2008

#37 April 23—26, 2009

#38 August 13—16, 2009

Women's Walks

#54 November 6—9, 2008

#55 February 19—22, 2009

#56 June 18—21, 2009

#57 November 5—8, 2009

**All Walk Dates Are Tentative*

Lay Directors on upcoming walks:

Men's Walk # 36

David Southward

Women's Walk #54

Betty Yoakem

Emmaus Walk Applications needed!

We are in need of more men's and women's applications to fill the upcoming walks.

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