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Reflections from Community Spiritual Director—Ken Pierce

In Acts 3, we find the story about Peter and John going to the temple to pray. When they started to enter the temple area, they saw a man who had been crippled from birth was there begging for money. Peter saw the man and said to him, "We don't have any money, but what we do have we will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ, walk." What we do have we will give to you. Many people around us today are in need of a big dose of God's grace, and those of us who have experienced His grace need to share that with them. How can we share God's grace? 1. We can share God's Word with others. People can find out about God's grace through his word. 2. By giving a helping hand. 3. Sponsor someone to go on a walk. Remember the men's walk, Oct. 4-7, and the women's walk, Oct. 11-14. 4. You may not be able to sponsor someone, but you can work in the kitchen or in the prayer chapel. Whatever you have, give it away.

De Colores,

Pastor Ken

Walk Dates

Fall 2012

Men's Walk #21 October 4-7

Women's Walk # 23 October 11-14

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Community Lay Director Annette Dufty

Pray for the Pilgrims

Men's Walk # 21

RODNEY BASS

ED BROWN

JOHNNY CANNON

DAVID CARTER

JIM CORVIN

GARY FITSIMMONS

JAMES HARRIS

MIKE HEDRICK

LARRY HINDS

RONNY HUDSON

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MIKE NAPIER

JOSHUA SUTTLES

GREG TRAVIS

KEN TURNER

CALEB YAWN

We are now in our fall season of 2012, and the end of the year is fast approaching. However, while the year is aging, our heavenly Father makes all things new! It is so exciting to see the preparations taking place for the pilgrims who will be going on the Men's and Women's walks this fall. They will have a new beginning as they step into their Fourth Day. It is so important that we, as their team and community, do all we can to help them start their Fourth Day journey.

First and foremost, we do this by showing them love, just as we were shown when we went on our 72-hour Emmaus weekend and began our walks anew on our Fourth Day. The weekend walks are awesome, but the true journey begins when we leave the mountain.

That is one reason that sponsorship and community are so very important. We need to support one another and love each other no matter where we are. The best way to do this is prayer, of course. Pray for the team as they prepare. Pray for the pilgrims as God prepares their hearts to receive the wonderful relationship He wants with them, and you will find that your relationship with Jesus Christ will deepen as well. Scripture calls us to serve each other, and there are so many ways we can do that. The 72-hour prayer vigil needs to be covered.

The team, the pilgrims, and even the camp where we have our walks, need to be bathed in prayer. The pilgrims need agape, food, and gifts. They need to see your smiling faces at Send-off, Candlelight, and Closing. Please be the person that was your priest when you went through your pilgrim walk. Pray that they are reassured as they begin what is, for some, a frightening unknown. You will hear how our most awesome God showed them unconditional love through you on Sunday at closing.

De Colores!
Annette

Brad Shaffer —LD Men's Walk

The men are so excited for the upcoming Men's Walk #21! It is amazing to see how God puts together a team of men, that will do whatever is needed of them, to make this a once in a lifetime experience for the pilgrims. These are the same men that might have trouble getting to everything on that honey-do list, but we can rise to a higher level of determination when we know we are headed up to the mountain.

At our meetings we really emphasized anonymous servant hood and doing what is right above all else, even if it is not the easiest way! We want to serve God, putting him first, and blocking out all distractions. We know the hard work we've put in will be worth it when we see the pilgrims faces at the Saturday night dinner, candlelight, while reading their letters, and at closing.

We will be lead by the verse "For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him." – 2 Chronicles 16:9. Our commitment to God through our preparation will make this walk one to remember!

De Colores,
Brad Shaffer

Sherree Travis LD Women's Walk

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I feel this has been a very humbling experience as the Lay Director of Women's Walk #23. I remember at one of our team meetings, when Karen Knott was LD, she made the comment, "I once sat where you were, and thought to myself, I will never be standing up there." I thought to myself right then, me either (and a small voice said "never say never"). Well, it is now several years later, and here I am doing what I never thought I would, just as Karen did. God really does work in many mysterious ways. He often takes us out of our comfort zone, which is hard, but at the same time, it always helps us realize that our total dependence should be on Him. Often, our human flesh will remind us that we are limited, or that there are people who may be better organized, or even equipped, to do the job. However, that does not matter if God wants us to step out on faith and just do what He would have us do, relying on Him for the strength and guidance to do it. Here are a few things about myself that many of you may or may not know. It has been almost 10 years since my pilgrim walk in April of 2003. I have been married for almost 28 years to my husband Greg, and we have 3 children Magan (25) and Blake (23), who are grown and on their own, and Angelica who God sent us when she was 9 months old and is now 9 years old. Angelica is as much ours as Magan and Blake. Greg and I both count it as an honor to help serve and work in the Still Waters Emmaus Community, and we are thankful to all those who have prayed for us over the years.

Many people are necessary to make a walk successful, but first we must rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us in selecting a team. Everyone involved is as important as anyone else is. Whether you are serving on the team, working in the kitchen, praying, making agape gifts, it is all necessary to make a walk happen, and all of it is appreciated more than you could possibly know. I personally just want to thank everyone involved, regardless of what part you play, as we approach the walk, during it, and following it. I would also like to challenge anyone who is sponsoring a pilgrim to be involved more in the Gatherings following the walks. We lead by example, and if more of us, myself included, brought our pilgrims to the gatherings, we would certainly be blessing our community by getting more people involved year round. Also, if you haven't signed up for anything yet, please take time to look at our website and sign up for helping with the prayer vigil, kitchen duty, or camp set up or break down. Thank you again for all the prayers and support each of you has shown thus far, as we all prepare for both of the upcoming walks.

God Bless you all,
Sherree



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Pray for the Pilgrims

Women's Walk # 23

BECKY BODKIN

HEATHER BROWN

HANNAH LEE CARTER

JORDAN CARTER

LANITA COPAS

KIM CORVIN

JENNY FINE

KATHY GENTRY

BECKY GONZALEZ

PATSY HARNEY

BRANDI HARRIS

JOANN HARRIS

ILENE HEDRICK

DORIS HELZEL

MANDI JOLLAY

DORIS JORDAN

CHRISTI MCPHERSON

BRIANNA OLDHAM

CATHY PHILLIPS

DONNA SUTTLES

TAMMY SWAFFORD

SANDRA TALLENT

BRITTANY TILLEY

JENNIFER TURNER

MARY ZOPFI