



I recently found myself having to make a decision. It was not a decision that was really very important in the scheme of things, certainly not an earth shaking decision but a decision that would require me to be responsible and accountable. It was a decision that involved an area of my life where I said I would “never go again” (that was my first mistake). My nice, sedate, quiet life was just fine the way it was and I was very content. I wasn’t sure I wanted to go where I believed God was calling me and so I spent many days avoiding the topic in my daily prayers and discussions with God. I’m guessing you’re laughing and shaking your head at my foolishness because as we all know when God is calling us to something He doesn’t quit. We’re only kidding ourselves when we think we are “avoiding” the topic with God.

During this time of foolish avoidance I found myself in situations where I was forced to evaluate my decision and I realized that I was living life in a very “safe” manner and that is not what our Father calls us to do. He has called us by name and asked us to be His. He has not promised us an easy journey but He has promised that He will never leave us, that He will always be with us. He tells us that there will be pain, there will be hurt, but during that same time there will also be the highest of highs when we feel His love surround us and that He will always be there to catch us. It reminds me of the times when as a young child swinging in the backyard I would yell to my father,

“Daddy, quick, catch me!” and I would leap from the swing to fly through the air at my unsuspecting father.

This is much how I envision our Heavenly Father; He is standing there ready to catch us as we take that risk for Him and jump from “the swing”, He is there to hold us up when we step out of the box and out of our comfort zone to share Jesus with others.

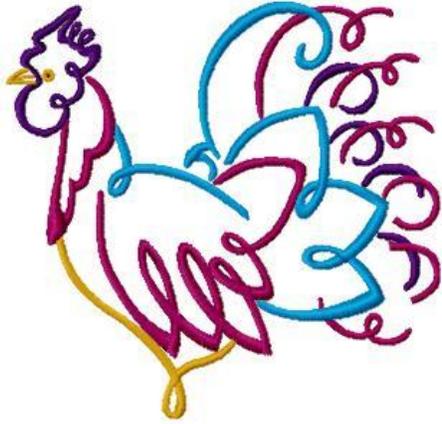


We have heard in church and on Emmaus weekends that “if God leads you to it He will lead you through it”. In my attempts to be safe and not be hurt or be willing to take the risk I was trying to do the leading. I wasn’t trusting that God would lead me through it, I wasn’t trusting that even if I did get hurt in the process that God would lead me safely through it. I needed to put my focus back on Jesus, get out of the boat, walk with Him, and TRUST that He would lead me through it.

When we walk with Jesus and make Him our focus we will safely reach our destination. The road may be rocky, we may refuse at times to ask for directions, we may get hurt and bruised, and there will be pain but when we take that risk and share Jesus Christ with the world then when we reach our destination God will say “Welcome home my child.”

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Spring Walk Dates

Men's Walk: April 15th - 18th

Women's Walk: April 29th - May 2nd

WELCOME!!!

Welcome to our newest members of Tidewater Emmaus, those men and women who walked on TW88 and TW89. We look forward to teaming with you and joining with you in praise and worship at Gatherings (the third Saturday of each month). See you at DODU on Saturday at Charity UMC at 4:00. Please stay for fellowship and a potluck supper at 5:30 and then Gathering at 6:30. Again, welcome to the community!

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**Boys and Girls Chrysalis Flights
January 16 - 18, 2010**

**Caterpillar Applications are Due
December 10**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



Have you seen the new Tidewater Emmaus website? NO! Then go check it out. The address is the same - www.tidewateremmaus.org. But things have definitely changed.

Also, A big, big thanks to Bob Christianson who had maintained the website for many years. He has done a great job keeping us well informed of all Tidewater Emmaus Community events.

Day of Deeper Understanding

Saturday, November 21st at 4:00

Charity United Methodist Church

Day of Deeper Understanding (or DODU) is an informational session to let members of the Emmaus Community know about what is next on their 4th Day. Information is given about the Emmaus Weekend and different aspects of the Tidewater Emmaus Community. DODU is a requirement if you want to team or sponsor. A pot luck dinner will follow DODU. Childcare will be provided.



Gathering

Saturday, November 21st

6:30 pm

Charity UMC

4080 Charity Neck Rd

Virginia Beach, VA

Please bring food agape!

Please use www.MapQuest.com for directions from your home.