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***Tidewater Emmaus
& Chrysalis
Communities would
like to wish everyone
a safe and blessed
Easter Weekend.***

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Guest Devotional from Tommy Markham's Prayer Group



A Reflection on the Last Supper

The upper room is dark and close. The group of men gathered there have been together long enough to know each other well. They are comfortable with each other and with the master. The ritual of the Passover feast is familiar. The table is covered with the traditional foods. Lamps flicker, casting shadows and carrying the odor of burnt oil. They know what to expect..., but Jesus is never what they expect.

Jesus says he fervently desires to share this Passover meal with them one last time before he suffers. They don't know what to make of this. He has been talking much lately about death and destiny. Why would this have to be? Surely Jesus can overcome anything that threatens him. They have seen his power. They have observed so many miracles. Death is inconceivable. Surely he has come to Jerusalem to become the Messiah.

Jesus blesses and shares the broken bread and cup of wine, but it is not a normal Passover blessing. He identifies these as his body and blood. He seems to be asking them to take his bodily essence into themselves. What does this mean? It is very strange.

They all share the bread and wine, trusting Jesus, though they are unsure of this new thing he is doing. They are simple men, imperfect people. Peter bold and arrogant knows he would follow Jesus anywhere. James and John fight over position. Judas seems brooding and distant. He seems uncomfortable. Do any of them understand the honor of this feast? Do they understand the new covenant tied to the kingdom of God? Are any present good enough or holy enough to receive and participate in this new ritual? They are not.

"One of you who recline here with me will betray me." They have shared so much together. How could this be? Each knows his own sins, but surely none of them would betray him. Only one disciple knows. He is embarrassed by the betrayal he intends. Jesus seems to know his heart, and yet still he has included him in this fellowship tonight.

The betrayal is a necessary thing. Jesus knows why he has come to Jerusalem. His path is full of pain and sorrow, but it is necessary and the first part of that is a sacred betrayal. He does not act to stop what must happen. He accepts this humbly. It is what he came to do.

Phil Stout
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My wife and I greatly appreciate the love and prayers lifted by the entire Tidewater Emmaus Community my father's illness and his passing. We are still sorting through the emotions of losing a loved one as well as taking on the new responsibilities that come with a death. Thank you for your loving and encouraging words of love and comfort. Being able to serve as a Head Spiritual Director during this time has been and will continue to be such a blessing.

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Please continue to keep them in your prayers after the loss of Lori's father on March 25



1 Peter 4:10 - As Each Has Received a Gift use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace ...

Hello From the Weekends Director. The walks are fast approaching. April 19th will be here before we know it. Hope Haven will be blessed with all the pilgrims and community of Tidewater Emmaus.

We need your help. Can you spare just an hour to serve breakfast, lunch or dinner?

Use the Signup Genius links below for TW115 & TW117



TW115 CS

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There are plenty of opportunities to serve.

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Hello Tidewater Emmaus community

The teams for the spring walks have been selected and both are actively preparing each week to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. And it is not too early to get your application in to team in the fall on TW-118 for the men and TW-119 for the women. Getting the application in early takes one more thing off your plate to try to remember later. When selecting the team, we strive to have about 1/3 of the team being first-time teamers, 1/3 being those who have served once or twice, and 1/3 are those that have done it three or more times. If you have never teamed before, you will find it to be one of the greatest blessings you have ever received. Just ask those who have. That's why they do it again. So please prayerfully consider applying for the team and get your applications in soon.

The applications are available on the [TWE website](#) and you can send your teaming fees with the application or pay online. What a wonderful way to show the grace of God to others.

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