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Hey, Friends~!

This summer, like most, has been a busy one for us – and it's not over yet! In fact, we are just getting geared up for the combined Boy's and Girl's Chrysalis Flights/Journeys that will be held at Bancroft Bible Camp over Labor Day weekend. At the same time the men and women of teams #90 and #91 are preparing for their upcoming Walks in October and November! No time to relax! So many people are making so much effort to make sure that things "float" during these Walks. There are people who work in front of everyone and many more who work behind the scenes to make sure that everything gets accomplished! I, for one, am grateful for each and every one of them!!

Max Lucado has written a devotion about unity that I think sums up our situation. In it he says,

"This is no cruise ship; it's a battleship. We aren't called to a life of leisure; we are called to a life of service. Each of us has a different task. Some concerned with those who are drowning, are snatching people from the water. Others are occupied with the enemy, so they man the cannons of prayer and worship. Still others devote themselves to the crew, feeding and training the crew members.

Though different, we are the same. Each can tell a personal encounter with the captain, for each has received a personal call. He found us among the shanties of the seaport and invited us to follow him. Our faith was born at the sight of his fondness, and so we went.

We each followed him across the gangplank of his grace onto the same boat. There is one captain and one destination. Though the battle is fierce, the boat is safe, for our captain is God. The ship will not sink. For that, there is no concern."

There is a lot of work ahead of us in the coming months and there will be many opportunities to serve in big and small ways. I encourage you to check your schedule and set aside some time to join in and make the burden light. I Corinthians 12:13 says, "For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body..." If you ever witnessed the Emmaus community come together to set up a Walk and see how we work as a single unit with many, many parts AND make it look SO easy, you know that it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we move.

Looking forward to seeing all hands on deck,

Tim