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NEWSLETTER
... Strengthening the Local Church

From Your Community Lay Director:

The holidays are now over and we are back to our normal routines. As I was hitting the "half price after-Christmas sales" for the coming year's cards and wrapping paper, I found cards saying "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." We said that a lot through December, didn't we? But as my pastor reminded me, Jesus is not only the reason for the season, HE is THE REASON...period! Think about it. Why do we serve on teams and behind the scenes at Emmaus Walks? Why does each walk seem more awesome than the equally awesome ones of the past? Jesus is the REASON!

Romans 11:35-36 and Isaiah 26:12 tell us that all we have, all we are, and all we will be are because of Jesus. He is the REASON! Our salvation is because of Jesus. He is the REASON! It's all about HIM. It is not about us.

Have we ever been known to get so wrapped up in ourselves that we become the center of our universe? Do we not have the time or desire to step out of our comfort zones to serve on a team, to do a talk or devotion, to take a board position, to teach a Sunday School class, or to visit a lonely senior citizen?

I am out of my comfort zone as your Community Lay Director. But – Jesus is the REASON for Emmaus. Jesus is also the REASON we can serve. I Thessalonians 5:24 tells us that "The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it." I am claiming that promise. We all can claim that promise!

As we serve the SONrise Emmaus Community together in this new millenium, may we decrease and Jesus increase in our lives. It's all about HIM. Jesus is THE REASON!

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