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"A New Beginning - An Inside Job"

Beginning a new year has always been one of my favorite times of the year! In some ways you could say - a new beginning, a clean slate, a fresh start, a new opportunity, or another chance to get it right! There are so many ways to describe this enthusiasm for all aspects of life, work or play. This reminds me how God does the same for us! He brings us new life in Him and if we mess up - as we will - He offers us forgiveness and renewal - to start fresh - HOW AMAZING IS THAT? If we try to begin anew ourselves, we begin with resolutions to keep us on track with that "new beginning" - a promise to ourselves - to create a new me or you. We will get better organized, lose weight, resolve to read our Bible more and study more. In other words, CHANGE THINGS! God has that awesome power. He can change what we cannot on our own. He looks at the inside rather than the outside as the world does. I believe Emmaus is a new beginning because that is where God is. He is pleased when we seek that relationship with Him, but He works from the inside out. So I guess you could say that Emmaus is sort of "An Inside Job". God blesses the work in the Emmaus Community!

What a gift to spend 72 hours to RENEW ourselves and our relationship with the Lord! A rare opportunity you might say in this busy world we live in - the world that offers a "new you" if you buy this, wear that, or eat this, all for a promise of a better or more exciting life. Emmaus offers an "inside experience". It gives us insight to the true New Beginning - a new look at our life in an even deeper sense than the world can give. God wants to give each of us that new beginning! To create in us a new person - one who is BOLD in Christ - to lead others to a deeper relationship with Him!

II Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old is gone, and the new has come!"

Let us not wait until the calendar and the world offers us a "new beginning". Let us prepare all year long - seeking friends, relative, and even strangers to become a "new creation in Christ". Sponsor a friend, relative, or co-worker to experience the Walk to Emmaus as a new beginning in their service and leadership to Christ, His Church, and the world. Remember - it is "An Inside Job".

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Shirley