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NEWSLETTER
... Strengthening the Local Church

What an awesome God we have! These past two walks again demonstrated God's love for us and revealed His mighty power. Whether you were a pilgrim, a team member, or a community member serving and praying in the background, all of us were witnesses to God's amazing grace - again! All of us were hopefully encouraged to continue seeking Jesus and drawing closer to Him as we continue in this Life of Grace.

God promises us victory in this Life of Grace. II Corinthians 2:14-15 says ***“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.”*** Jesus Christ always leads us triumphantly. Defeat is not of God. He only marches in victory. But do we always follow?

Life has many distractions. Have we ever been so distracted from following Jesus that we skip our prayer and study time? Do we ever fail to answer that call to discipleship? Are we so distracted that we do not notice an answered prayer or a “closest to Christ” moment? What can help us stay in His triumphant procession? Look back at the rest of that passage. We are the fragrance of victory in Jesus Christ to those being saved - and they are the fragrance of victory to us. We need fellow Christians to whom we can be accountable and who will encourage us to stay in Christ's triumphal procession.

If you do not have an accountability group - then join a Reunion Group or form a new one. Members are not required to have been on an Emmaus Walk. It can be any Christian with whom you covenant to encourage each other, to hold each other accountable for your daily walk with Christ, and to pray for each other. Friends whose fragrance invite you to share your closest to Christ, or your lack of one, and cause you to pause and think about why you did not have such a moment. The fragrance of my Reunion Group has encouraged my study, given me ideas for new studies through their sharing, convicted me of missed opportunities as I listened to their calls to discipleship, and lifted me up in prayer.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17). Let us join with other Christians to sharpen and be sharpened as we continue in this Life of Grace until Christ leads us triumphantly into a Life of Glory with Him in Heaven!

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