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***But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. Philipians 2:17***

When you think back on your first Walk to Emmaus, are you like me? I was really excited by the love that had been poured out during the weekend. I had seen the church in action and could hardly wait to get involved. Then I had the opportunity to pour out some of that same love on the pilgrims on the next Walk by serving meals, washing dishes and attending Candlelight. Later, as a team member, I could pour out love in an even more personal way. Then there was participation in Set Up and Take Down for a Walk, prayer for the pilgrims, helping in the kitchen, clean up. Then I found out there were opportunities for service on the board and on various committees – registration, 72 hour prayer vigil, 4<sup>th</sup> days, worship, etc., etc., etc.

Maybe you have experienced the same joy of service as you poured out your love with other Emmaus folks who were like-minded. There was laughter, and you felt good. More than likely though you have hit one of those awkward times when it was tough to let your love flow because you needed help, and there was no one there to help you do the job. Or, you may have run into someone with a sour disposition. Maybe there was just nobody there to pat you on the back or say, “Well done” – no one appreciated your hard work. We may have even grumbled or complained to the Lord about the situation. It is in strained times like this that we learn to lay the hurts and disappointments at Jesus’ feet and do our work “as unto the Lord”.

We must ask God how we can best serve Him and His body. He may just want us to be “glad and rejoice”, just like Paul, as we are being “poured out” to the Emmaus Community long after the “new” has worn off. He will most likely ask us to do the same in our family, in our local church, in our work place and in our neighborhood. ***Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matt 6:18***

***Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9***

See you on the upcoming Walks!

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