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“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4

The Cannon of the Emmaus Team urges us to put others first, to build others up and put ourselves aside. That is pretty much what Paul had going on here in his letter to the believers at Philippi.

On the Walks, Flights and Journeys, we like for Team members to model for the Pilgrims what is about to take place. In other words, a Team member will go first to show everyone else how it's done. That is exactly what Jesus did for us. He modeled the 'it's-not-about-me' life to show us how it's done. If you and I were to follow His model, our lives would be an extended Walk. We would serve others in every area of our lives the way we serve the Pilgrims on their Walk. Every Christian's life should be that way, you know – just a reflection of Jesus' 'it's-not-about-me' life which, as we become better at it, turns miraculously into an 'it's-all-about-Jesus' life. When that happens, people will leave our presence with Jesus on their mind and, let's face it there are a lot of minds out there without Jesus.

Do you remember that feeling you had at Closing on your own Walk? That was Jesus. We Christians should always be aware that we are surrounded by that same Jesus every day. He was always there, we were just more conscious of His Presence on that Sunday afternoon of our Walk. That afternoon we were so grateful to our sponsor for getting us there and so grateful to Jesus for His love. At that moment, it really was all about Jesus and our attitude toward others really was according to His model. We wanted to sponsor others and help them see Jesus all around them and we wanted to share Christ's love with every person we met. Let's don't let that fire go out. Let's live our lives throughout our Fourth Days in that wonderful awareness of Christ and do nothing through selfish ambition and conceit, but lowliness of mind and lifting others up.

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