Living Water Emmaus

July 2019



Hello again everyone,

At the end of Walk 96, Gods amazing team gave me an awesome devotion book and everyone had signed it on the day of their birthday. The devotion book is by Sarah Young and titled Jesus Always, Embracing Joy in His Presence. As many of you know Sarah's writings are personal reflections from her daily quiet time spent with God. I flipped to todays reading thinking I need to see if someone has a birthday today because I have Missed some, (SORRY) and I was trying to do better. Well, there was no birthday but wow what a message. This Devotion today on July 8th was just what I needed to hear.

I DRAW NEAR YOU in the present moment. Seek to enjoy My Presence in the present; trust and thankfulness are your best allies in this quest.

When you wallow in the past or worry about the future, your awareness of Me grows dim. But the more you trust Me, the more fully you can live in the present, where My Presence awaits you always. Speak to Me frequently: "I trust You, Jesus." "I love You, O Lord, my strength." These short prayers keep you close to Me—confident that I'm lovingly watching over you.

It's important for you to grow not only more trusting but more thankful. A grateful attitude is essential for living near Me. Ingratitude is offensive to Me, and it drags you down both spiritually and emotionally. Remember that you are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken—no matter what is happening in your life or in the world. This means that you have a constant, unshakable reason to be thankful. Stay anchored to Me and enjoy My Presence by giving thanks in all circumstances.

As I read that this morning, I couldn't help thinking that for the last 2 months instead of being grateful in my circumstance, I worried and fretted and called upon him only when I felt like I could go no further. I had to set down this morning and just ask for forgiveness. I know better yet I had gotten so bogged down in the much that I forgot to be grateful and call upon his name for strength. Just a few sentences in it says, But the more you trust Me, the more fully you can live in the present, where My Presence awaits you always. Does it get any clearer than that!

DeColores Karen Boyce

Calendar of Events

July 18 – Community Meeting Matador

August 1-4 – Men's Walk #99 Amherst Retreat Center (ARC)

August 15 – Community Meeting Seeking Host Church

September 19 – Community Meeting Seeking Host Church

October 17 – Community Meeting Seeking Host Church

October 24-27 – Women's Walk #100 Roaring Springs Retreat Center

November 21 – Community Meeting Seeking Host Church

Community Meeting Schedule

Board meeting - 5:30 Sponsor's Training- 6:00 Community meal - 6:30 Bring a dish & your appetite Wear your Emmaus name tag Community service - 7:30

Seeking Host Churches

If your church would like to host, call or e-mail either

Karen Boyce at 806-292-9877 or kjboy78@sbcglobal.net Jerry Beck at 806-292-1062 or cynthnjerry@yahoo.com

Find us online at: www.livingwateremmaus.org

Facebook: Living Water Emmaus Community

UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk #99

Lay Director: Joe Switzenberg Spiritual Director: P.J. Schmidt August 1-4, 2019 Amherst Retreat Center (ARC) Applications Due: July 12 Women's Walk #100

Lay Director: Diana Rowten
October 24-27, 2019
Roaring Springs Camp & Retreat Center
Applications Due: October 4

Send Applications to Registrar Deidra Howell

Mail: PO Box 1895, Plainview, TX 79073 E-mail: livingwateremmaus@yahoo.com;

Phone: 806-789-3329

Fee - \$150

Applications can be found at

http://livingwateremmaus.org/downloads/

WALK #98

Dear Living Water Emmaus Community,

I don't even know where to begin to tell you how amazing it was to have the honor and privilege to serve as the Lay Director for Women's Walk #98. But, I'll give it a try.

My husband, Bobby, and I are on the Team Selection Committee and we had just finished with team selection for another Walk, when Judy Jackson asked me which Walk I wanted to be the Lay Director for. I had previously been asked twice and had to decline. This time I knew I was supposed to accept. I immediately said June. I was so excited, but had no idea what was in store. I was going through radiation for breast cancer at the time and they were concerned about whether I would be able to take on the job. I knew this was God's Walk and if He asked me to do it, I could. After all, He doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. I was told that when you are ready, you will know it and you will have a strong desire. I had it and I knew God would provide everything I needed. But, I was blown away by just what that looked like! The Team Selection Committee jumped right on it and gave me a list so I could begin putting together a Team during the Christmas holiday. This was when I began to see God work and He didn't stop until the Walk was over. No, HE DIDN'T STOP AT ALL! He is still working! "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6.

Wow! God is SO GOOD! He put together the most <u>amazing</u> Team! God chose just the right people to be on the Team and chose the right ones to give the Talks. He put the right clergy in place to minister. Satan began attacking right away and I knew God had great things planned for the Walk, because Satan was running scared. We prayed harder! Every time that Satan thought he won, God came back and showed him Who was running things! I know I am using too many exclamation marks. An English teacher would be putting red marks all over this, but I'm so excited, I just can't help it.

Then, I began to get Pilgrim applications in and began to pray for each one. I could hardly wait to meet those precious women that I had been praying for and had only spoken with on the phone (the ones I could reach). It was awesome to see how the Father put the right women together on just the right tables and in just the right rooms. And, make no mistake it was the Father that did it! Then, to sit back and watch as God poured out His Spirit upon that place and upon His people still gives me chills. Holy Spirit showed up and showed off!!! He changed people's lives. Praise God! I just want to thank everyone who answered the call to be a part of God's Team. You were the hands and feet of Christ and you did an excellent job. I know the Lord would say "Well done, good and faithful servants."

Living Water Emmaus Community covered us with an abundance of food, agape, and most importantly prayer! We were filled to overflowing all weekend! Our cup runneth over. Thank you!

I am so excited to welcome the women of Walk #98 to Living Water Emmaus Community. You are now a part of an amazing new family.

I raise a Hallelujah! De Colores,

Naomi Jones

New Community Members

Beverly Hummel Cassidy Blakes Christin Hutler Cyndi Cobb Dana McCarty Dee Rice Diana Lopez Diane Green Doris McGee Hope Gonzalez Jasmine Dickson Joanna Guerra Kaelene Hansen Kim Villanueva Kristen Oliva Lois Reeves Margaret Leonard McKinley Whalen Norma Clardy Pamela Robbins Roxy Chavarria Shanlee Meyer Shelby Summers Shinda Moore Tabitha Beltran