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From the Spiritual Director

I have spoken with a number of people in the Hi-Sky Community recently who shared a couple of concerns with me. I think I should share them with you as well.

First was the issue of team member conduct during walks. And as much as I hate to say it, this applies primarily to us guys. We love to have fun on the walks. I am no exception. But there is a line between fun and juvenile behavior. I have been as guilty of this as anyone. I believe we should have fun and I believe God wants us to have fun. But when we get carried away we cease

to glorify God. And we can damage our relationships with each other and the pilgrims. Lay aside your pride. Prayerfully consider your words and actions during any Emmaus event.

The second concern regards the rules and guidelines for walks and other Emmaus services. We have a model to follow for a reason. Of course we can be flexible, but our goal should be to follow the model allowing for God's guidance. Our personal preferences must be secondary and must be weighed against what is best for the community and the pilgrims. Lay

aside your pride.

That being said, anytime we face a situation that we think is wrong or a person who has made an unwise decision, our response must be showered with grace. I will admit I am not always the best example to follow, but we have a perfect example to follow in Jesus. Look to him as your guide when it comes to speech and conduct in every situation. God bless you all and thank you for your service and commitment.

Dean Cook

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Five Questions to Remember During Walks/Flights

- *Will it glorify God?*
- *Will it move the participants closer to God?*
- *Is it going to glorify someone on the team or in the community instead of God?*
- *Will it detract the participant from receiving the intended message?*
- *Does it fit the message of the day and the flow of the weekend?*

From the Trailer Committee

I appreciate all the walk teams taking the time to put the trailer and the closet back in good order. My goal is to make sure that each walk has all the materials needed to give the pilgrims the best walk experience.



Women's Walk #210

Women's Walk #210 is getting off to a terrific start! Team meetings have been a great time of bonding, worshipping our Lord, and getting ready for the awesome pilgrims you are sending us. If enthusiasm could be bottled, we could all retire! No walk can ever rise to the status of "the best walk ever" without unwavering support from the community.

Now Walk #210 may or may not be the best walk ever, but it will be a walk where God is lifted up, self is sacrificed, and the Spirit is welcomed to lead is all we do. Come join us at send off at the Café in the Gardens at Allredge Gardens at 11:15 on June 20, then pray,

contribute snacks (well, we don't want to starve!) make agape, attend candlelight, and God will honor all our efforts. We still have room for more pilgrims and prayers are the fuel that keep us running. The pilgrims deserve our best!

Emory Mansour
Lay Director, Women's Walk #210



Thank You!!!!

Over the last couple of months you may have noticed that Hi-Sky has been looking for donations leading towards a laptop and projector to help with future community gatherings and walks. We have received these items and are currently in the process of setting up a database of powerpoint slides for our music teams to use at our gatherings.

From the HSE Board to our great com-

munity, thank you for your support in filling this community need as well as all the other needs you have helped fill over time.



Chrysalis Moment

So a couple of weeks ago, Bailey and I were being lazy and decided to order from Steak Express for dinner one night. (Truth is I was being lazy and didn't want to cook.) Anywho, we went online, ordered our standard chopped steak for two and waited for the delivery person to ring the door bell.

About 25 minutes later, the young lady who had brought our food was standing on our door step in tears as I opened the door. We did the business which was necessary for my to pay for our meal and then she said (still crying), "I noticed the agape box you guys have. I went on a chrysalis a few years ago and LOVED it. I can't do much,

but I wanted to give you this to help someone else experience what I did that weekend!" She then handed me what I'm sure was her tip money from the day so far which we made sure was noted for scholarships towards the upcoming weekends.

As she smiled and started back to her car though, I found myself tearing up a bit because of the impact Chrysalis had on that one individual. I don't know the rest of her story, Paul Harvey wasn't around to fill me in, but I do know this. Chrysalis made a difference in her life in such a way that just seeing an agape drop-off box brought her to tears of joy.

In light of the teen suicides, the recent tragedies in our country and community, why are we holding back in talking our teens about Chrysalis? This could be that one weekend which gives them something to smile about as tears of joyful remembrance fall down their face!

Boy's Chrysalis Flight #50

Guy's Flight Five-0 is July 11-14, 2013. Less than 60 days from now. The team is ready. Is your caterpillar?

God prepares each of us for a role in his plan. Age may play a role in that, in our eyes, but I do not think it does in God's. In Jeremiah 1:6-8, Jeremiah tries to decline God's instruction. He tries to explain to God that he is only a child and cannot speak to the world. But God knows better than we and had appointed Jeremiah "...as a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5 NIV)

Who among us can say the children do not need to grow closer to God today. It is our responsibility to raise up our children in the Word. For they will replace us on this world's stage. If we fail our responsibility, will they even know theirs?

Therefore
if anyone
is in Christ,
the new creation
has come:
The old has gone,
the new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17

On a practical side, I remember my high school years. Choices made that could have been better. Decisions reached and paths followed that took me away from the Lord for years. Time wasted following the world. I wish I had been blessed with the chance to have experienced a Chrysalis in my youth.

That is one of the reasons I answered God's call when asked to lead the team for Flight Five-0. It is not just a responsibility, it is a chance to bring a young man facing tough choices into a deeper relationship with Jesus. The saying is not new and neither is the truth of it; these young

men will replace us. It is for us to teach them well.

Please take a moment in prayer. Reflect on the people you know and the young men in your world that may need a weekend like Chrysalis to take flight. God's team is ready.

Send applications to the community Registrar as soon as you can. Tell us who we are praying for. And tell us if financial need is a hurdle. We will jump it together. While the team prays for His guidance, remember Christ is counting on you.

Fly with Christ. --- Ashley Coco.

Girl's Chrysalis Flight #51

Hello Everyone!

Guess what?!?!?!?!?!?!?! Girl's Chrysalis Flight #51 is just about 2 months away!!!! It'll be held at Howard College in Big Spring, July 25-28 & I'm looking forward to meeting all the beautiful young ladies you provide for God to touch at that time!!!! PLEASE start getting your teenage girls (15-18 years old) excited and signed up to join us in experiencing God's unconditional love. Please don't wait our schedules WILL

fill up...we truly don't know how much time we are given to experience all the wonderful opportunities God gives to us, so begin turning in applications now.

Agape clipboards will be going around at upcoming Community Meetings and we'd so appreciate it if you'd sign-up to provide food or gifts for the girls, but more than anything I'd like to personally ask for your prayers for the upcoming weekend. Nothing is more im-

portant than your prayers & I "Thank You" in advance for that & for the teenagers who I know you'll send. If you have questions, or need to contact me, my email is cherilyn1978@yahoo.com.

Fly with Christ!!!!

Cherilyn Amburn

Girl's Flight #51 Lay Director

Chi-Rho

So at community last month I was asked what the symbols on the cross we all wear on our lanyards means. I honestly hadn't thought about it which is kinda dangerous since by wearing the cross I'm stating that I believe in it.



After a little bit of research, I found this excerpt in an article by Randy Riley which the Wilmington Area Emmaus Community, Wilmington, OH printed in their newsletter in August 1999.

Just after the June Women's Walk, in Fellowship hall, a pilgrim came up to me and said, "I have a question and I just know you'll have the answer to it." That put fear in my heart. She then showed me her shiny, new Emmaus Cross and asked me what the symbols on the cross mean. Several of us were standing around. We all know what the words, "Christ is counting on You." meant, but she wanted to know about the symbols on the cross.

None of us knew. That was a humbling experience. Luckily our godfather and Spiritual Director, Maurice Mitchell, was nearby and he thoughtfully examined the symbols

and was able to tell us, "Well, I'm not positive, but..." and, Maurice proceeded to explain the symbols. I came to find out that Maurice was absolutely right.

Do you know what those symbols and markings mean? It got my curiosity up, so I did a little internet research. What follows isn't meant to be in-depth, scholarly research, but just a few simple answers about a few of our cherished Christian symbols.

*On Both sides of your Emmaus cross is what appears to be an elongated capital P, superimposed over a capital X. This is known as the **PXCross**. This cross does not represent the suffering of Christ, but rather the Victory of Christ. In Greek, the X is pronounced with the "chi" sound and the sound "rho" is written as an elongated capital P. Thus, the symbols on the Emmaus cross are called the "chi-rho" symbols. This "chi-rho" combination represented to the early Christians the name Christos which means "anointed." Christos, the Greek form of the name Christ, was the all important name of power in the early church. Recognizing the name of Christ was seen as the first step on the path to self-transformations. Only when a person has realized the power of Christ and the kingship of Christ can he begin to resurrect himself. Only when a person had surrendered to Christ and left his or her old life at the foot of the cross could he or she begin the transcending journey upward to be a "new person" in Christ.*

*The **PX** symbol first came into use*

*during the reign of Constantine I. Constantine was the first Roman Emperor to convert to Christianity in 312 AD. According to legend, while preparing for battle, Constantine saw Christ in a dream and was told to paint the **PX** symbol on his army's shields. He ordered his troops to do so and they won the battle. In 318 AD, he declared Christianity to be the state religion of Rome. Since that time, the **PX** has become a symbol of Christianity around the world.*

To read this article in its original form as well as continue reading about a couple of other symbols, Randy Riley mentioned, head over to their newsletter's post at <http://www.wilmingtonemmaus.org/news/1999/Aug%201999.pdf>.

One Final Thought...

To all those who have served in the military, national and/or state guard, on a police, fire or EMS service. Thank you! It is because of your sacrifices that we are able to worship our Lord and Savior openly in this great community we call Hi-Sky Emmaus.

May God bless each of you and your families this coming Memorial Day!



Upcoming Permian Basin Walk/Flight/Journey Updates

HSE is Hi-Sky Emmaus here in Midland.

RBE is Rainbow's End Emmaus in Odessa. (Current status of RBE is not available this month, but will hopefully be available in the future.)

RBE Young Ladies Journey #2

June 13-16—Permian Basin Readiness Center, MAF.

HSE Women's Walk #210—24 pilgrims

June 20-23, 2013—Circle Six

Applications due on or before
June 13, 2013.

RBE Girl's Flight #16

June 27-30, 2013—Permian Basin Readiness Center, MAF

HSE Boy's Flight #50—1 caterpillar

July 11-14, 2013—Howard College

Applications due on or before
July 4th, 2013.

HSE Girl's Flight #51—0 caterpillars

July 25-28, 2013—Howard College

Applications due on or before
July 18, 2013.

RBE Young Men's Journey #3

August 15-18, 2013—Permian Basin Readiness Center, MAF

HSE Men's Walk #211—6 pilgrims

Sept 19-22, 2013—Circle 6

Applications due on or before
September 12, 2013.

HSE Women's Walk #212—3 pilgrims

Oct 17-20, 2013—Circle 6

Applications due on or before
October 10, 2013.

Further information on the Hi-Sky Emmaus Walks/Flight and applications

to sign your pilgrim/caterpillars up for these weekends, visit, www.hiskyemmaus.com.

For more information about the Rainbow's End Emmaus Walks/Flights and Journeys, and applications to sign your pilgrim/caterpillars up for these weekends, visit, www.rainbowsendemmaus.org.

Chrysalis Flights are for 15-19 year old youth (just finished 9th grad to just graduated High School).

Journey's are for 19-24 year old, unmarried young adults.

Pilgrim and Caterpillar Counts as of Noon Saturday, May 18, 2013.



Don't let summer scheduling be an excuse for you teen missing out on a flight or journey this year. Hi-Sky Emmaus and Rainbow's End Emmaus together have several weekends which are listed above. Join us this year as we work together to reach more youth through these weekends. Watch both websites and each community's facebook page for more detailed information where you can join in these walks during candlelight, with agape, and through prayer.