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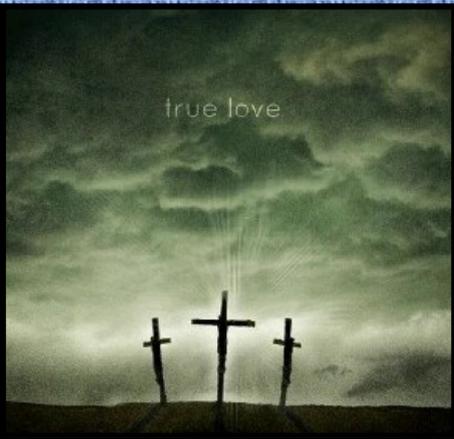
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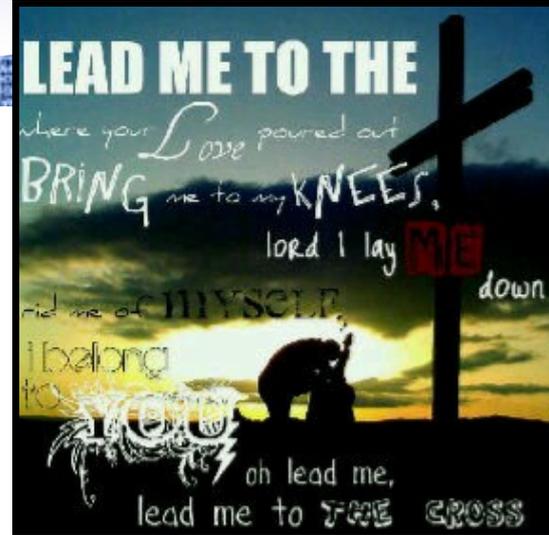
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renewed and deepened. It is easy then for this sense of spiritual renewal to fade away. If that is your experience you need to "travel to Galilee" spiritually more often. Whilst the awareness of Christ's presence is a gift of grace, you need to do your part in order to place yourself in the position to receive it. That requires effort and discipline on your part, with reading of the Bible and prayer being the footsteps to get you there.

Lord, let me travel on always close to you.

Greetings everybody, I must admit it sounds awesome and makes me think very hard about my journey with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



A LONG JOURNEY

"The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go" Matt 28 vs 16

Sometimes people undertake journeys that involve much effort and even expense because there is a special reason, or relationship that prompts the exercise. A person may fly from one end of the world to another to attend a parent's funeral. That is a journey out of love and respect, or it might be a birthday, or a graduation, or a wedding.

It would have involved walking for several days to get from Jerusalem to Galilee. And it was hilly country along the way. And it was all for one fairly brief meeting. There was one reason why they went – and only one. Jesus had told them to. It might at first have seemed an unnecessary thing to do, but they had learnt to obey their Master, and his rising from the dead could only mean that God was doing some mighty deed in and through him. They could not fail to be there. And they knew they needed to make an effort in order to be where Christ was and to maintain fellowship with him.

You do too. Usually at Easter Christian disciples experience something of a spiritual "high". They find their faith

Have to admit, it is not my own words, I found this in the Faith for Daily Living and felt that I had to share it with you.

As we enter the final countdown to our training in May and then our super duper flights in July let us keep this message in mind. Our walk with God is a journey and so is this wonderful ministry. Let us seriously keep each other in prayer, the teams, the caterpillars that God has an appointment with on the flight weekend, the sponsors, the Lay Directors, me (giggle), the community and well, just everybody.

It is gonna be hard at times but just like FROG spells out, Forever Rely On God. Draw strength from Christ, put on your daily armour and **POW**, defeat the enemy.

I pray for peace and patience, understanding and humility for each and every one of you out there and thank you for your hard work and continued support of Chrysalis.

FLY WITH CHRIST—Greg Conolly

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Emmaus Walks 98, 99 and 100

Very excitingly there are three Emmaus walks just around the corner. The men's walk 98 is happening as we write and ladies walks 99 and 100 are the 1st to the 4th and then the 8th to the 11th of May. Its really exciting as all three of the walks have enough pilgrims to have the full number of tables already and we are trusting for full walks. Please will you all keep these very important events in your prayers and thoughts and we also really hope to see you at candlelight and closing. Remembering that these are the parents and grandparents of our own caterpillars

it becomes obvious why we need to support them as much as we can. They are such a blessing. There hasn't been a single event that hasn't been moving in its own way. The last Emmaus candlelight we attended as a board was such a special occasion. Granted we were like the naughty kids in the corner when we first got there cause the seats in Marionhill's Chapel are rather narrow and some of our number battled with that. And then SOMEONE dropped their song books during a silent time, the noise of which echoed through the silence, but it was such fun and doing it together just made it to special. So basically get yourselves there and find out how much fun it is for yourselves!

From The Manual—Di Kyle

Throughout the ages to be a servant has had all sorts of connotations. Since time immemorial if you were unfortunate enough to be a member of a conquered race you inevitably became a slave or servant to your conquerors. You became the property of someone who could treat you as the fancy took them. Not an enviable situation to find yourself in.

2000 odd years ago a man was born who changed our whole outlook on being a servant. His whole life was a ministry of love and an example of servant hood - now that's a position we, as Christians, should aspire to. As members of the Chrysalis family we have all made the choice to follow Jesus. We read that " it is more blessed

to give than to receive" and the more you practise this the more the truth of it hits home. You don't need to have lots of money in order to buy material things to give away as gifts - we can all give of our time and our love.

We all know the story of Jesus humbling himself to wash all His disciples' feet - something that would have been unheard of in those days. We've also just spent an Easter weekend - a Christian holiday—in commemoration of Jesus' ultimate act of sacrifice/ servant hood.

I urge and challenge each one of us to humble ourselves daily to perform an act of servant hood out of a heart overflowing with love, without any thought

of reward.

In the context of our Chrysalis ministry we find our manual reiterates loving people in all situations. As a team member - love the rest of your team and minister to the caterpillars. As a member of the community - love the rest of the community and minister to the body of Christ.

In order to run a Chrysalis Flight we sign a covenant letter in which we promise to conform to the manuals. As we train for the flights we read the canon in which we undertake to take the "I" out of our training, and to comply with the manuals. When you read the manuals you read that they are all about demonstrating God's unconditional love. Let's practise that.

AGAPE MAKING AFTERNOON

I am delighted to report on the first of hopefully many very successful agape making events. On the 15th of March Merryn (our Agape lady on the board) invited the board to assemble at Tracy Rowland's house in Hillcrest to make Agape for the upcoming Emmaus walks. So a bunch of us board members and a few "family" all rocked up on the Rowland's doorstep at 3pm. (Some of us took the scenic route and toured Waterfall on the way!!) We were all armed with various random selections from hairclips and toothpicks to straws and sequins, and luckily also a good selection of amazing looking and, as we discovered, tasting munchies. The Rowlands plied us all with cool or hot drinks the moment we got there and we were soon all gathered on their verandah with an impressive array of "stuff" in front of us. It didn't take long to get stuck in though and after much explaining and discussion we were soon churning out the gifts of love for the unknown recipients on the KZN Emmaus walks, along with other agape gifts which we sent off to bless the walks happening in Swaziland and maybe even to be sent to north African communities. The men did an outstanding job of cutting out the cards I must say and also got on top of a bunch of technical stapling that needed done too,

and I was most impressed with their multi-tasking abilities when the Rugby got switched on as well! Jokes aside though, we all worked hard and fast in a few short hours we had 15 different kinds of gifts, many of which were enough for two sets of walks. The nicest part of all though was that we were a group of Christian brothers and sisters and friends who were actively working together to bless complete strangers that we would most likely never meet. It was incredible though and the best part was how much fun it all was. We giggled and chuckled our way through and the time flashed by and before we knew it all the "stuff" had been transformed into beautiful and meaningful gifts that would touch lives. And sadly the plates of munchies were empty. But that was not a worry as



the Rowlands had sneakily planned wors rolls as a reward for our hard labour so while some of our number had to scurry home through a storm, the rest of us stayed and enjoyed a fantastic evening of fellowship and friendship. It really was a great afternoon/evening and I for one am keen for the next one! Keep an eye on the website and facebook for notifications of the next one so you can join in the fun! Good job Merryn!



WALK
By Faith Ministry
IN CONCERT

17 May 2014

18:00

Wesly Methodist Church

R50 per person



EXCITING STUFF

Walk by Faith and St. Win's Worship Group have agreed to perform this concert for Chrysalis and give all the proceeds towards new music equipment for us! How awesome is that? So a huge shout out to these Godly folk! And I really hope we can do them proud by an amazing turn out!! I've heard them both performing and can promise it will be so worth it! Can't wait to see you all there!

FOLLOW THE LEADER—CHRIS KENCHENTEN

Howsit guys. How ya'll doing?

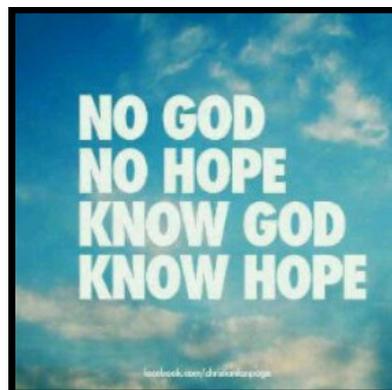
Well, we are nearing that time of the year again... YES, its coming up to the training weekend!! Followed by... the much anticipated flights 38 and 39!

There is some serious excitement brewing among some of us young table leaders for the training weekend (sly giggle)! Those of you who were at the last training weekend will know what I am talking about! For those of you who weren't there.... initiation is afoot !!

Anyway getting to the important part, we are even MORE excited about the upcoming flights....!

Which leads me to say... we cannot host a flight without caterpillars! This is where we call upon each and every one of you! Please try your best to sponsor at least one caterpillar this year. Make it your own little "ideal".

It is amazing how things come together when we all work together as a team and as the Body of Christ. For example, the current Emmaus walks were on the brink of being cancelled but filled up rapidly



and faithfully once our illustrious "seniors" started showing there true colours. So take it upon yourself to follow the shining example of our seasoned brethren.

We look forward to giving Tracy (our registrar) lots of

work and keeping her out of tmischief. See you all soon, soon!

The squidgys are locked and loaded!

Why I support Chrysalis - Scotty Kyle

Why would a 62 year old man support Chrysalis? It is all too easy for older people to criticise others and complain about how things are going wrong. We can either complain, and have no input and irritate many people, or we can try and do something positive. What is it that we see going wrong? We see lack of respect for each other, dishonesty, corruption, spiritual deserts and everything these lead to. What does Chrysalis do? Chrysalis instills in Caterpillars a love for each other. Built into this is respect, honesty, openness and a responsibility to a higher authority that is faultless at a time when all human authority seems corrupt and devoid of anything warm or spiritual. Not only this but it does serve our youth from all backgrounds. At the Chrysalis Closing Service it is awe inspiring to see young people overflowing with love, joy and goodwill who are going out into the world where they will make a difference. Chrysalis is love and it is fun and it is changing our society for the better, Caterpillar by Caterpillar. That's why I support Chrysalis.

"I have the most!"

A Word On Easter—David Moodley

Kingdom of God.

The little boy shouted with great excitement. He had taken part in an Easter egg hunt and was now possessively clutching a handful of marshmallow eggs which he had found. I tried to get him to share some of his marshmallow eggs with those who had been unsuccessful in their 'hunt', but he refused. He was not going to part with any of his sweet treasures!

How far away from the true spirit of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus. (which those sticky eggs erroneously represent!)

Little kids and big kids and very, very big 'kids'...we are all guilty at some time or the other of wanting everything (or as much of it as we can get) for ourselves with no or very little thought for others.

Material things, recognition, power, status...we want it all and the world we live in encourages us to 'go and get it' - 'Because you deserve it!'

In my church there is a very big cross hanging on the wall. It was there long before I arrived and became a part of the congregation. It is in fact a large replica of the little metal crosses we were given at the Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends.

Each time I look at the cross I am very much disturbed and challenged- for two reasons:

Firstly - I am reminded of my own Emmaus journey and experience and where I am now. (Was too old for Chrysalis) Is Jesus still the centre of my life and everything which makes up my life?

Secondly- who do people see when they look at me; my behaviour, my values, my priorities...me or Jesus?

We may start off our lives in this world concerned only with one important thing- "I have the most!"

But, when we invite Jesus into our lives and we become a part of His life, our old values and priorities begin to be transformed and we now start living by the new values of the

That, for me, is what Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday is all about. It is about commemorating and celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus, and even more! It is also celebrating and remembering my own 'death' to the values of this world and my New Life (resurrection) in the Kingdom of God.

Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday teaches me that **'God so loved the world (that's me and you) that He gave His one and only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.'** John 3:16 NIV

(Incidentally, to believe in Christ, means to become a part of the Life of Christ and to have Christ become a part of our lives; in fact for Christ to become a part of our whole life- every aspect of it.)

Good Friday and the Resurrection also teaches me that I must pour love into the lives of other people in no less a manner than the manner in which Jesus poured His Love into me.

That is what Jesus was teaching us when he said: **"A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another. All (people) will know that you are my disciples if you love one another,"** John 13: 34/35 NIV.

Do I always get it right? Sometimes that little kid inside me wants it all; wants to be first; wants to be popular... and he gets to have his way. But I know that Jesus is at work; shaping and transforming me to become more like him.

Thank you Jesus for your love and for the cross and for the new life you give me. Be patient with me. With your help I will get to become more like you...



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Grandma is 80 and still drives her own car. She writes: Dear Grand-daughter, The other day I went up to our local Christian book store and saw a 'Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker ..

I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting.

So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper. Boy, am I glad I did; what an uplifting experience that followed.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good he is, and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed. I found that lots of people love Jesus!

While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, what an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus!

Everyone started honking! I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love! There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach. I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant. He said it was a Hawaiian good luck sign.

Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back. My grandson burst out laughing.

Why even he was enjoying this religious experience!! A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed. So, grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection.

I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared.

So I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away.
Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!!

Will write again soon,



A Disillusioned Fly

I am a fly upon your wall
And I overheard that last call
All smiles and charm 'till you put the phone down
Then your face changed completely and you called him a clown

And I see how godly you are from your pew
Yet so different at home, I wonder which one is true
There are the things that you say when guests are around
But the ones said in private don't have the same sound
The words that you say and things that you speak
Are totally different from even last week
And the man that you warmly shake by the hand
Is he the same idiot you simply can't stand?
Have I got it all wrong or are you really this fickle
And you dare even wonder why the worlds in a pickle
You're hurt and you're broken and you keep asking why
Well the answer's right there, just ask a fly.



Hi, I'm Sarah Cherry and I'm incredibly keen for the team formation weekend... I hope for certain people's sakes there is no pool! :D

Team Formation Weekend net om

I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels this year has been shooting by, but when I realize that by this time next month our training weekend will be over..... It gets a bit scary! Plans are all underway, outlines have been sent out, schedule is in the process of being drawn up and we are all ready for action. The teams look fantastic—as always God has had His hand in things from the start, shuffling them out so that who He wants is exactly where He wants them; as frustrating as it may have been for the Lay Directors. But now its just a matter of waiting to see what everyone brings to the table. I for one cannot wait for that Friday when we all gather to-

gether and settle in for an amazing weekend of fellowship. There will be fun, there will be games, there will praise and worship and joyful noise, and there will also be incredibly powerful moments as team members share their stories and hearts with strangers and friends alike. The feeling of trust that we will build up I think can only be likened to what that First Church must have felt like all those years ago. And it is an experience that makes me giddy—excited on the one hand but also wakes a profound yearning for it too, cause I think that's a taste of what its all meant to be like. So bring it on! We'll be ready-ready to train for the opportunity to change young lives! And in doing so change the world! Please keep us in your prayers from the 16th to the 18th of May and from then on! And pray also for the caterpillars that we will be reaching out to soon after!

Well, so ends another edition! Hope you enjoyed this one, thanks to Greg, David, Chris, Scotty, Di and Sarah for their contributions! Lots happening in the next little while, please keep us all in your prayers! PLEASE keep the Emmaus Walks in your prayers. Lots of love, Kirst