

“Now on that same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him”...

I know all of us have heard these words at least twice in our lives and a bunch of us have heard them more than that. Think back through that passage of the Walk to Emmaus. How many of you were the 2 that were walking along discussing the day's events, and were joined by another who wanted in on the conversation but wanted to know what you were talking about? Did you hesitate in telling them what it was because you were afraid they wouldn't understand or think you might be just a little “off bubble” because of the subject? I know all of us at one time or another have been in that situation and we were afraid that if we told them what we were talking about, they would think less of us or run off because you were talking about God.

There are some subjects that I just as soon not talk about with people just because I know what kind of reaction I would get. But ask me about my God...and I will tell you that he is a God that is full of grace, full of love, and full of forgiveness. All you have to do is ask for it. There is more there to share than there are people in this world.

Thirteen years ago, I might not have felt that away. Not that I didn't know that there was grace, love and forgiveness...but sharing with any and everyone around me about His grace, love and forgiveness? Somewhere in one of the 15 talks that we hear on a walk, someone usually mentions about “stepping out of their comfort zone” and doing something that you normally wouldn't do.

In the past 13 years, I have done just that. Thirteen years ago I went on my walk. Looking back on those years, if you would have told me that I would go on a walk, sleep in the same room with a total stranger on that weekend, get involved in being on teams for walks and flights, be a Chrysalis Journey and Emmaus Lay director, chair the board for a Chrysalis community and then hold the position of Community Lay director, I would have told you that you were **absolutely out of your mind!** “That is not me and I am not comfortable in doing such.” But because of a handful of people that were willing to share their love for God, and a whole community showing their love of God with agape and participation of a weekend event, I have stepped out of my “comfort zone”. I am not telling you this because I am bragging but I am telling you this because it has been the “ride of my life”...and it doesn't stop here. God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called. And boy do I know that. I never had what I thought were the qualifications for all of these acts of love that I have experienced. But I was, and still am, willing to share what God is all about. Are you?

Please join us on May 4th at Sierra Vista UMC at 6:30pm to welcome the new Babe Chicks, hear our 4th day speaker, Chad Sims, and share in God's love at his table.

This past year has been awesome serving as your Community Lay Director. Please extend the same love, support, and grace to Mike Turner your community lay director for 2010 – 2011 starting in June. From my heart, thank you for having the faith in me in getting us through the past year. It has been a humbling honor to serve you and our God!

DeColores and much love,
Sherri Lee