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Next Gathering
**Thursday June
 14th**

**1st Christian Church,
Mineola, TX**

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Dear G.R.A.C.E.

I have a theory. And while it is true that a lot of my theories have yet to be proven accurate I stand by this one. My theory: We say we want to see God, but what we really want is to see God be what we want God to be. Now, don't feel too bad, this is what everybody wants. But when God doesn't turn out to be or do what we expect where do we go? What do we do?

Some years ago I had to have a physical exam for my path to ordination. Yes, the Methodists are pretty serious about ordination. We have to make sure your heart can handle to stress of leading the Church where it often doesn't want to be led... I'm ashamed to say that my nurse had me do several things I wasn't expecting. They took my blood pressure, pulse and the usual stuff. Then she said to me, "*I want you to walk up and down two flights of stairs so we can take your pressure again.*" Uh, what? Is that standard procedure? I came down the stairs trying hard to make sure the nurse didn't see me gasping. She said, "*Ok, let's see how you did.*"

"O...K (deep breath)."

They then proceeded to test my hearing. I have yet to reveal this report to anyone for fear that my wife will have evidence to prove she is right. Next, we moved on to the sight test.

"Cover your right eye and read the bottom line."

"Bottom line? Is there a bottom line?" Not to be deterred, I adapted and adjusted. I started to identify the letters. Unfortunately, the nurse then looked back at me to catch me peeking through the fingers of my right hand. Oh well, I will spare you the embarrassing assessment of my failure to identify even one of the letters on the bottom line.

My point is that it had been some time since I had really assessed how well I could see and hear. It seems that over time these things change imperceptibly and we never notice. So, I wonder if these things happen to us in our faith? When was the last time you enjoyed something new? When was the last time you said "*Yeah! A new hymn!*" When was the last time something happened in worship that wasn't in the church bulletin? When was the last time you saw God? When was the last time you KNEW you were in the presence of the awe-inspiring, overwhelming Glory of God Most High? Well, that's too long.

Mike
Community Spiritual Leader

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Walk # 40 Wrap-Up

Walk # 40 for the men was an outstanding experience for both the 30 pilgrims and the servant team. It was a privilege to work with such a committed and gracious team of servants. The Lord developed a spirit of unity and blessed the weekend in many ways; even a weekend with beautiful weather. The talks were rich and God used them in many lives. It is so rewarding to be able to witness first hand God's work,

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The G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community wishes to continue to spread the life changing experience that an Emmaus weekend can deliver. Won't you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both pilgrims and team members? Our goal is to one day provide enough scholarships so that we can help those that cannot afford to go to be able to attend an Emmaus weekend.

We are asking you to consider donate \$5, \$10, \$25 monthly or whatever amount you would like to set the donation to. This monthly donation will be debited automatically from your bank account on or about the 15th of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.

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