

GRACE for TODAY

A Word from Mike Hodgson

New 4th Dayer's

What a great time we had at the Babe Chick meeting. The food was great as always and the special worship time was such a blessing. The testimonies were awesome. It was obvious that God had done some mighty works in the lives of the Babe Chicks. They are now 4th Dayers and are going to be such a blessing to their churches and to the GRACE Community. I personally had a very emotional time when one stated how going on the Walk had saved his life. We never know what is going on with someone when they show up to a Walk, but as we move forward in the Holy Spirit and just love and serve, we are making a path that God can use.

Just awesome. Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and Gods Blessing on you, your family and friends.

Your Community Lay Director
Mike Hodgson

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G.R.A.C.E. Website:

www.graceemmaus.com

Gatherings 2018

December 8th
Payne Springs UMC
Fellowship and potluck
@ noon
Worship to Follow

January 2019—coming soon!

Howdy Grace Community,

I want to thank the community for all their prayers for Walk 86 and Walk 87. In my study this year in Bible Study Fellowship, our notes made mention that God wants our constant communication. Lifting up the walks, our community, our board, and our churches is part of our calling. Again, thank ya'll for all your prayers!

Garry Mount

Spring Walks

Men's

February 28– March 3, 2019

Women's

March 7–March 10, 2019

Article from Wynn Harle Lay Director for Walk 87

During the closing for Men's Walk #86 I listened intently as the pilgrims answered "What has this walk meant to me? And What am I going to do about it?" What wonderful testimonies to the power and presence of God's grace during that weekend. Lives were changed and men felt loved in new ways. It was the "Best Walk Ever!"

And then Walk #87 began. Just before the pilgrims arrived, I spent a few moments alone reflecting on all that had led up to the moment the doors would open to registration. I knew God was with me always through the planning, the training, the abundant calls, emails and texts. Yet I was still apprehensive: had I done all I could to make this be the "Best Walk Ever." When I realized that 34 women had arrived to camp on time and felt the excitement in the room I knew for sure this was God's Walk, the team was his vessel and He had a plan for Walk #87.

Yes, Walk #87 was the Best Walk Ever! Women were transformed, their faith affirmed and renewed, agape love was overflowing and God was ever present.

As a community, let us continue to do our part to insure that the pilgrims of Walk #86 and #87 continue to experience what began on their Walk to Emmaus. Invite them to your reunion group, encourage them to attend gatherings and work on upcoming walks. Let's help G.R.A.C.E. continue the tradition of each walk being the "Best Walk Ever!"

De Colores!

Wynn Harle

Lay Director G.R.A.C.E Walk #87

GOD'S WILL IN ONE WORD: SANCTIFICATION

"This is the will of God, your sanctification." 1 Thessalonians 4:3a

Often discussions about God's will seem to revolve around answering life's big questions like where we go to college, who we choose to marry, which job to take, which house to buy, what our kids' lives will be like when they grow up.....and then before we know it, we're discussing where they'll go to college, who they'll marry, what job they'll take, and the whole thing cycles into the future.

But believe it or not, God's will doesn't focus on these kinds of issues. He's not holding His breath, hoping you'll choose to move to Bolivia instead of California, or vice versa. His will is not a secret blueprint for making specific, minute decisions----a master plan He's hiding from you, testing you to see if you can figure it out. Because here's the truth: if you are busy being the person God wants you to be----the parts He does make clear in scripture----you'll already be where He wants you to be.

God's will for you is "your sanctification."

Sanctification is one of the key words we learn from Scripture that helps us understand what our salvation means. It covers the space of time between our justification (the moment of conversion when God declares us righteous through our faith in Christ's payment for sin) and our glorification (when we stand before Him in eternity). Sanctification means to make holy----a process that is crucially important for us since by nature we are not holy, and we need to be holy. More and more holy. So this is what God is doing with us right now as we wait for Christ's return, as "we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another." (2 Corinthians 3:18) We're being sanctified. Little by little. Day by day. One step at a time.

This is God's will for us.

God's will, plain and simple, is the Bible. The will of God is the Word of God, not merely the specific answers to life's various multiple-choice questions. Because if you're doing what the Word of God says, you'll be making the right decisions already. If you are increasingly the person God wants you to be, you will not make wrong choices about the details like where you are or who you're with.

You'll be doing His will.

Because you'll be growing in sanctification.

Prayer: Father, thank you for your sanctifying work in my life. This is what I seek, confident that in the process You will keep me exactly where I'm supposed to be. In Jesus' name, amen.

By James MacDonald, Author, submitted by Pam Martin



Why a Rooster? (submitted by Betty Buchanan)

We have heard the background of the De Colores song. We sing about the rooster, the cluck hen, and the babe chick, so why a rooster in so much of the Emmaus materials, agape, and clothing. Here's an answer.

Thinking back to the early days in Spain, and the people who came to participate in the Cursillo Movement, you will realize the value of the symbol of the Rooster and its beautiful tail feathers. To the Spanish the Rooster was symbolic of the rainbow in the Old Testament where God makes a covenant with His People. Also, the Spanish, with much poverty following the war years of World War II, found the Rooster a symbol of wealth and prosperity, a status symbol in a rural farm area. Roosters are found wandering the roadways and hillsides all over Spain. And, a good Rooster and hen give promise of eggs and more chickens to come. Thus, the countryman has promise of food and a commodity to sell or trade to provide for his family and community.

The rainbow colors of the tail feathers have a special and significant meaning to the Christian.

- **Green** denotes new life, growth, and God's beauty of nature that surrounds us. It symbolizes the ordinary times of the Church year.
- **Blue** denotes loyalty, our commitment to God and His people. It also denotes truth, justice, and the waters of our Baptism.
- **Purple** denotes our dying and rising again along with the suffering of Jesus Christ.
- **Yellow** and **Orange** hues denote warmth, light, promise. They remind us of the love of God's Son in our lives, the light of a candle, the rays of the sun, and the changing seasons.
- **Red** denotes celebration, joy, and confirmation. It is symbolic of our feast days within, the Church, Christmas Day, and Pentecost.

So, the next time you see a rooster with his colorful tail, remember why these colors are used and what they mean.

--excerpt from the website, Sings the Rooster, a 4th Day Friendly Website (<http://www.singstherooster.com/FAQS.html>)

“De Colores” Shirt

Many folks have commented about and complimented Jim and I on the shirts we wear with a De Colores logo. Below are pictures of the style of personalized shirt that we wear to Emmaus events.



If anyone is interested in purchasing this same shirt, use the following information, being sure to mention “De Colores” to clarify the design you are looking for:

Contact KK’s Embroidery in Marshall, TX:

Email www.kkembroidery@gmail.com.

Phone (903) 935-7171 or toll free (877) 542-4206.

Address 204 East Bowie, Marshall TX 75670 (street behind US Federal Court-house)

KK’s uses clothing from San Mar Corp. (www.sanmar.com). KK’s charges the same as the online price for the shirt, then the cost for the design is \$12.50. If you wish to add your name to the shirt the cost is \$4.50 per shirt. Prices for 2X or 3X shirts add \$2 or \$3 per shirt to the San Mar price.

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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, or the general fund of our community? 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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