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TALES FROM THE OLE WEST

Influences: What floor where the sanctuary and the Reds on radio, or are influences? was located. I well remember sometimes watching on television. This influence stayed with me even after I married. It sometimes gets me in trouble because I haven't gotten my priorities in line yet!

Who or what influences us the most? teacher taking us outside under a tree for Sunday school and eating cookies. My first influences come? Webster and the Bible were Noah, Jonah and especially Zacchaeus climbing a tree, all influences at the beginning of my life. These things stay with me even to day.

From where should our influences come? Webster and eating cookies. My first definition is "power exerted over the minds or behavior of others".

From our first day on earth we are influenced by the actions of others. Even before we are born, we are influenced by our parents' actions and life styles. As we go through life, these influences will mold us into whom and what we become.

As infants we are influenced by what we are fed, how we are cared for, how we are treated and loved. As we grow older, our parents or guardian most certainly set the path of life which we will follow. At some point in time we, as individuals, began to form our own opinions on the path we take in life. These influences come from the people around us, the friends we choose, the music we listen to, the television we watch, and the stories we hear.

About the age of three or four I remember my first experience with church. First were the long steps leading to the second

About the age of five, some of my first influences were formed when I lay on the floor in front of the radio and listened to The Lone Ranger, in my mind creating a picture of what was happening as The Lone Ranger rode on his horse, Silver. Then came television, and my hero was Roy Rogers. He was always a good guy, wore a white hat and at the end of every show he would say "Good-bye, good luck and may the good Lord take a likin' to you." Roy was a Christian and passed it on to the younger and older generations. I was influenced by what were called "B" westerns and cowboys in white hats.

About the ages of ten through seventeen, peer pressure has a large influence on how you conduct yourself. Who you socialize with, how you spend your free time, the music you listen to are very important events in your life. A very important time for me was when I was sixteen and had my driver's license. Church was not a high priority and I had slipped away from attending. I was blessed with the peers that I hung out with. They did not drink nor do drugs and they were good students. One of them talked me into coming to church to play on the softball team. That got me back to a great church, where I eventually met my wife, married and have attended this same church for the last 55 years. That was a very positive influence on me. My wife, in turn, became a great influence on how we lived after we married. We were blessed in the fact that

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What
influences
you?

**QUICK
MESSAGES**

**PRAY FOR
THE
PILGRIMS
ON MEN'S
WALK #54**

Tales (continued)

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Joy from Joy Join us on

money and material things did not become an influence in our lives. The Lord provided for us and that was a positive influence.

See how this entire cycle of influence works? Through the church we had many positive influences, such as Sunday school teachers, pastors and fellow Christians sharing God's love and direction. My wife and I were able pass it forward to many of our youth at church by serving as youth counselors for 30 plus years. Jesus Christ is the biggest influence of all! Everything needs to revolve around Him. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work".*

Now the question becomes,

"what kind of influence have I been? How do I influence the people I come in contact with today? Do I pass these positive influences forward? Do I let my light shine?" In Luke 11:33 *"No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light."* I know that not all influences are positive, some are negative. But by staying close to the Lord, his fellowship and prayer, we can separate the two.

I need to stay in contact with positive influences in my life through my church, staying active and being a positive influence to those in my church. I need to stay active in the Emmaus community as a tool to expand my Christian walk and have fellowship with

other Christians and be a positive influence, wear a white hat or hit a home run for someone else to see.

I want to be inspired and I want to be an inspiration. How about you?

Jim

Community Chair

A special thanks goes out to Board Members who will be stepping aside. Here's to a job well done by Ida Jo Allison, Mary Brose, Bob Brown, Mike Cook, Martha James and Jim Wingo. We will welcome your continued prayers and support.

Welcome to the new members of the Board who have said YES to God's calling. They include Johnnie Wass, Joyce Naylor, Josh Adkins, Mike Daugherty, Vic & Gloria Tissandier,

A very special THANKS to CINDY BLOOM for her dedication and leadership as Community Chair this past year.

JOY from JOY

Have you ever thought about Moses in the bulrushes? No, I am not talking about the basic story of a mommy putting her baby in a basket at the water and a princess finding the baby, raising him, and living happily ever after. I am asking have you ever REALLY THOUGHT about Moses in the bulrushes.

Recently, I have been studying this passage of scripture. It is very interesting. Actually it is amazing!!!

You have to go back beyond the 2nd chapter of Exodus to really get the picture. Remember all the evil that was done to Joseph. Remember how his brothers mistreated him; then came the famine. Joseph, though, had found favor with Pharaoh in Egypt. Pharaoh had given Joseph a high position and he had plenty to share. I am sure you all know the

story of how his brothers came for grain and Joseph sent them back to return with his father. He took the whole family in and they were given all the benefits of being Joseph's family. Pharaoh even gave them the land of Goshen in which to live. Over the years, Abraham's descendants multiplied until they were over two million strong. In the meantime, Joseph and Pharaoh both passed away. Herein lies the problem. Egypt now has a new Pharaoh. This new Pharaoh didn't know Joseph. He didn't love Joseph and respect him like the previous Pharaoh did. This new Pharaoh had a problem. He was frightened by these foreigners! Why mercy me, there were so many of these foreigners (Israelites) that they could overturn the power of Egypt. So, this new Pharaoh decided to take the situation in hand. He had just the plan. He would make these

foreigners slaves. So Pharaoh gathered his people around him and said, "Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are. We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don't, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country" (Exodus 1:9-10). The Egyptians were brutal slave drivers over the Israelites. They forced them to build, mix mortar, make bricks, and work in the fields, whatever they could to make their lives bitter. They were ruthless in the treatment of their slaves. New Problem. Instead of getting bitter, the Israelites just kept getting stronger. Pharaoh is now off to Plan B. Desperate people do desperate things. Oh, Pharaoh is desperate. He calls the Hebrew midwives and orders them to kill every baby boy that is born. The baby girls can

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Emmaus Walk #86

Dorothy Mockabee

I had a talk with God today
I had so much I wanted to say.
I thanked Him for giving me
His love, many blessings and my family.

I wanted to tell Him, as we talked
About my Emmaus Walk.
I told Him about the friends I'd made
And about the posters we displayed.

I told Him we laughed and cried too
And vowed to let our light shine thru.
He listened and I know he smiled
Cause He said He'd been with us all the while.

Along with the praises, love and tears,
We stuffed ourselves up to our ears.
Singing an hallelujahs we added to the mix
And that's the story of Emmaus Walk #86.

live, but the midwives are ordered to kill every baby boy that is born. Stupid!!!! Pharaoh asked the Hebrew midwives, God fearing midwives, midwives who helped birth babies safely, to kill them. Come on! What was he thinking???? Obviously, this isn't going to happen. Next the midwives get called before Pharaoh. (I think this is worse than getting called to the Principal's office). The midwives lied to him and told him that the Hebrew women had their babies so quickly that they just hadn't been able to get there before the babies were born. (Go to your pastor to talk about why God blessed the midwives in their story telling. I don't have space to address that here. Joy) So Pharaoh ordered every newborn Hebrew boy be thrown into the Nile River. Now we get to Chapter Two. Now this mommy from the tribe of Levi has a baby son. Mommy and Daddy saw that he was very special. They instantly loved him and just couldn't drown him. So, like any good mommy and daddy would have done, they hid him. For three months they hid him. Then this baby decided to exercise his lungs a little more and they couldn't hide him anymore. So, mommy made him a water proof basket and laid him among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. Notice she did as she was told. She put him in the Nile just like Pharaoh had ordered. The older sister of the baby watched from a distance. Along came Pharaoh's daughter with her attendants to bathe in the Nile. The princess saw the basket, discovered the baby and instantly made the decision to keep him for her own. Big sis steps up and asks if she would like for her to

fetch a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for her. The princess thought that was a great idea and the girl went and got their mother who came to meet the princess. Pharaoh's daughter handed her the baby, told her to take him and nurse him and she would pay her wages for her help. Well, this mommy jumped at that opportunity. Later, when the boy was older the mommy took him back to Pharaoh's daughter who adopted him and named him 'Moses' because she said, "I lifted him out of the water".

Do you realize that God had a plan for Moses? In order for Moses to live, in order for God's plan to be carried out, Moses had to be left in the hands of the enemy. He was adopted to be Pharaoh's grandson. The very enemy who ordered him killed. Wow!!!! The whole clan of Israelites lifted out of the famine. The slaves made strong. The midwives blessed. Baby Moses adopted and raised by the man who ordered him killed. All for God's glory. Go back and read for yourself and see what all was accomplished through Moses.

So like us and our situation! We were all born into sin, but God paid the ultimate price to lift us out of the hands of the enemy! We get so frustrated in this life as we encounter the enemy time after time in our lives but the great news is God is always ready to lift us out of the hands of the enemy. He is always right on time. I am so glad to be lifted up!

Gratefully Serving Him!

Men's Walk #54—Pilgrim List

Steven Barber	Greenfield	Cindy Bloom
Brian Bourgraf	Wilmington	Mike Daugherty
Robert Bruce	Xenia	Michelle Bruce
Fred Butcher	Columbus	Kevin/Mary Ellis
Harold Golden	Pleasant Plain	Jahnnie Wass
Adam Hollbrook	Wilmington	Cindy Bloom
Rodney Collins	Lynchburg	Rob/Martha Scott
Daniel Cutter	Wilmington	Jim Spragg
Anthony Skipworth	Hillsboro	Milah Myers/Wright
Charlie Laufer	Blanchester	Matt/Nikki Estep
Kevin Shepherd	Xenia	Beth Shepherd
Bob McCoppin	Wilmington	Carl Guenther

Joy from Joy

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Live-In Team

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Danny Morgan	TL
Kevin Ellis	ATL
Jim Spragg	ATL
Robin King	ATL
Tim Miller	ATL
Al Hill	ATL
Jim Smalley	ATL
Jim Wingo	AV
Chuck Tabor	SD
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John Glaze	MD
Rusty Staten	MD

Joy



Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus—WUMC
 PO Box 191
 Wilmington, OH 45177

SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING!
February 14
Singing starts at 6:45PM!
 Bring a snack to share after the Gathering
 Wear your name tag!

Watch your address label! In order to be fair to everyone, you will get one full year of the Emmaus Newsletter. The label clearly states the date of your last issue. To keep the newsletter coming in the mail, when your last issue comes, send \$6.00 to the address above, adding "Attention: Newsletter."

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MONTH	SPECIAL MUSIC	INSTRUMENTALIST	SONG LEADER
February	Bill Jenkins	TBA	TBA
March	Sandie Wingo	Carl Guenther	TBA
April	Herma Current & Tony Harper	Amy Sexton	Sandie Wingo
May	Jerry Stanley	Mary Brown-Turner	Jennie Harner
Jun	Cindy Bloom	Judy Laycock	Julie Combs
Jul	Christy Mitchell	Jennie Harner	Bronwyn Jones
Aug	Nancymae Ogden	John Glaze	Christy Mitchell
Sep	Bronwyn Jones	John Glaze	Peggy Larkin
Oct	Peggy Larkin	John Glaze	Cindy Bloom
Nov	TBA	TBA	TBA
Dec	Community	John Glaze/Lynn Lowell	Bronwyn Jones