

January 26

Romans 12:3 (NKJV) For I say to every man that is among you, through the grace given unto me, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. **Luke 17:10 (NIV)** [Jesus said,] *So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”*

I have shared some of this before, but these events continue to bring us new understanding. With much prodding, I attended a Walk to Emmaus. The leadership assigns you to a table with random strangers, and you spend the next three days with them discussing the talks about Jesus. My first reaction was one of indignation. They chose a different member to be the table when I thought I was more qualified. Second, I was tabled with a man whom I did not like because he was so boisterous. After the Walk, I thought it would be fun to serve on a team. That blessing came when I was chosen to give one of the talks. When that happens, you have numerous people lifting you up. It went very well, later as I went to rejoin my table after the talk, I crossed paths with a gentleman who was on the Emmaus board and begun mentoring me. I told him how much fun that was and could not wait to be on the next team. He looked at me, and said, “If the Lord wanted someone to serve, would you still feel as excited. Someone else did that for you.”

Paul does not tell us not to think of ourselves; he tells us not to think more highly than we should. When I sat down at that table, thinking I would have been a better choice, I was thinking of myself more highly than I should. That table leader had gone through months of training to lead our group. Also, the man who repelled me became one of my best friends, and we still communicate today. I learned a valuable lesson. God gives each of us a measure of faith in the amount He chose to give us. Thinking more of ourselves places us above that measure of faith. After my friend made that statement and walked away, the Lord asked me if I was willing to step back and allow another person to serve. He also made it clear that all I was doing was being a faithful servant. Did I expect a different award? Was not serving Him enough? These are lessons I learned a long time ago. They are lessons we who know Christ should never forget.