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An memorable, spirited, fun-filled celebration of
Winning With Encouragement's



YEARS OF MINISTRY

See additional details inside . . . watch for your personal invitation . . . plan now to attend!

The Wit & Wisdumb of Walt Wiley

I just returned from another trip to Israel, and as always and without exception, it was an unbelievable experience. For some reason this time I was particularly mindful of what happens to you when you stand in the same place where Bible characters once stood and where Bible events actually took place. I found myself turning into those people. Seriously, for a few minutes on Mt. Carmel I was Elijah. While standing at the Spring of Harod I would have answered to the name Gideon, and, hear me, in the Valley of Elah I had my stone-laden sling ready to take on any 11-foot giant named Goliath.

I was particularly struck by this phenomena in Nazareth where we were reminded of the story of Mary and Joseph. It was there God announced to this unlikely couple His plans regarding the birth of Jesus and the important part they were to play. What He was asking them to do was at best far-fetched, bordering on the ridiculous.

As we drove away from the city I tried to put myself in Joseph's place. I remembered that ten years ago I struggled with whether to start what today is called Winning With Encouragement. And although there is no comparing the eternal consequences of Joe's decision and mine, I couldn't help but think we both, along with countless others, were wrestling with God's will vs. common sense.

Yes, think about it. In a goofy way the stories are similar. God was asking Joe and me to do something we had not sought, something we had never done before. Neither of us had any idea what we were doing. We had to rely on others to help, and if we were to hang in, God would have to send others across our paths to encourage us from time to time.

Joseph's story has a happy ending. He did exactly what God asked, and God was faithful. He and Mary made it safely to Bethlehem, an innkeeper gave them provisions, and some mysterious shepherds and other guys from far away showed up and confirmed God was using them to carry out His unbelievable plan.

By now hopefully you realize that 2007 marks ten years of existence of Winning With Encouragement. We are planning a celebration of this milestone to be held in Atlanta, GA on November 2-4, 2007, and we want all of our friends to be there. We are simply calling this event "10." Our goal is for everyone to have a good time and be entertained by the Winning With Encouragement story. There will be lots of sharing, lots of speakers and lots of laughs. Oh, something else—and you can be sure of this—we will be sharing God's faithfulness to that improbable dream ten years ago. By the way, it's the same faithfulness He demonstrated to that kid who used to live in Nazareth.



November 2-4, 2007 Omni Hotel, Atlanta, GA

Georgia's largest 4-diamond hotel, within walking distance to Olympic Centennial Park, the brand new "World of Coke," the world's largest aquarium, CNN, and the famous Peachtree Street.

What's this all about?

In 1997 Walt Wiley started Winning With Encouragement as a teaching ministry with the goal of using the Bible to challenge and encourage as many people as possible. He never knew where God might lead and he certainly had no guarantee of how long it might last. Yet, for the past ten years—almost miraculously so—WWE has been able to take their Bible-based seminars and their entertainment-like teaching style to thousands around the world. So what is "10"? It is simply an event planned by the WWE board and staff to come together with family and friends and celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness. "10" is a party you'll leave saying you're glad you were there.

What does the weekend schedule look like?

Our official invitation to "10" will be arriving at your house later this summer along with all the details including prices and schedule. Our desire is that you can be with us for the entire weekend, but if that isn't possible, plan to come for a portion of the festivities. However, attendance at our Saturday night banquet in the Omni's Grand Ballroom is a must! Here is an outline of our weekend plans:

Friday, Nov 2 Not your ordinary "welcome party"—wait 'til you see who will greet you!

Saturday, Nov 3 Breakfast followed by a teaching-tease that will leave you wanting more. There will be music, testimonies and comments from a special guest that we can't tell you about right now.

A free afternoon to take in Atlanta.

Then we gather in the Grand Ballroom for an entertaining evening featuring a delicious buffet dinner, music, a video production, the much anticipated "Walt Wiley Roast" (wait til you see who appears on the dias for that), testimonies and other things we can't talk about here.

Sunday, Nov 4 Morning worship followed by a to-die-for brunch.

Wow! Now give me 10 good reasons why I should be there.

- 1 You like parties and celebrations.
- 2 You like to laugh and be entertained.
- 3 Your brother-in-law is coming to your house November 2-4.
- 4 You need something to do between Columbus Day and Thanksgiving.
- 5 Your social life has tanked.
- 6 You've been looking for an excuse to get away.
- 7 You've always wanted to go to the Georgia Aquarium or see CNN up close.
- 8 You like to meet new and interesting people.
- 9 You want to hear people make wise cracks about Walt Wiley.
- 10 You could use a reminder of God's kindness and faithfulness.

The WWE Travel Section

We've Been to Israel



Israel Fam Tour Feb 26 – Mar 5

WWE recently hosted two pilgrimages to Israel. Above is the group of ministry leaders on our February 26 – March 5 familiarization tour. Pictured below are the pilgrims who traveled with us May 25 – June 3.

Led by host Walt Wiley and guide Micha Ashkenazi, both groups traveled over 1500 miles of Israeli highway, visited over 40 Biblical sites, and stood in places that will float up memories for them the rest of their lives. They'll never hear the names Elijah, Peter, Paul, Goliath, Gideon, Ahab or Jesus again without a geographic picture and a story reminder. Know what happened to all of them? The same thing that happens to anyone who visits the land of the Bible. After all, it's the place where our Savior walked, where the past, present and future plans of God have been and will be played out. They ask: "When can I do this again?"



Israel May 25 – June 3

A unique opportunity to Israel/Jordan/Sinai February 11 - 23, 2008

Walt will be co-hosting a private group from Pennsylvania touring Israel, Jordan and the Sinai Peninsula from February 11-23, 2008. This group has a few seats to fill, so if you would be interested in learning more about this great opportunity, call us toll free at 888-993-1997 or contact us by email at tours@wweministries.org.

In 2008 We're Going to Greece & Turkey

Mark the dates:

October 14 - 25, 2008

Plan to join WWE as we travel by plane, boat and bus to visit 5 of the 7 churches of Revelation including Ephesus, plus a sail to Patmos, a stop in Istanbul and stops in the cities associated with Paul's second missionary journey (Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth and Athens). We'll also visit Delphi and Kalambaka where we'll view the mountainous carved monasteries of Meteora. Be watching *The Winner* and our website (wweministries.org) for later details.



Other Places We've Been . . .



FEBRUARY



① Over 50 missionaries affiliated with Ministry to the Military gathered in Kaiserslautern, Germany to be encouraged and challenged by *The Look of the Leader*, taught by David Hodge.



② Major Wayne Manor of The Salvation Army is pictured with David at the Officers' Council held near Cincinnati, OH. David had just finished teaching *Leaving A Legacy* when he was presented with the generous gift of an autographed baseball of one of his childhood heroes, Johnny Bench.



③ Pictured here are some of those who attended *The Encouragement Seminar* that Walt Wiley taught at the ACSI Educator Convention in Galveston, TX.

④ Walt and Patti presented their marriage seminar at Eastside Baptist Church in Marietta, GA. Walt is pictured with Dr. David Chauncey, Senior Pastor.

⑤ Amidst the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains near Dillard, GA, David taught a marriage retreat for North Star Community Church of Kennesaw, GA. Unfortunately, during the retreat David kept referring to the church as "North Point" and Sr. Pastor Mike Linch as "Andy." David closed out the retreat with a reminder on the need for forgiveness.

⑥ Don Sawyer, President of Southern Baptist Camping Association, invited Walt to be the keynote speaker at



their annual conference at their facility at Lake Yale Baptist Conf. Center in Leesburg, FL. Shown here are some of those camp directors.

⑦ Walt along with Charles Lowery (pictured) and Tony Evans were speakers at the Maximum Man Conference in Jackson, TN.

⑧ Pictured in front of the Pacific Ocean are the attendees of the first year Territorial Officers' Institute of The Salvation Army in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA— where David taught *The Look of the Leader*.

... and the People We've Seen



- ❶ Walt is pictured with Dr. Tom Ryder (R), Administrator of First Baptist Academy in Naples, FL, who invited Walt to speak at their school banquet.
- ❷ Gathered for dinner are members of the leadership team of Evans Roofing Company in Elmira, NY where David had presented training based on the book *Good to Great*.
- ❸ Dr. Harold Carl (center), chaplain at LeTourneau University in Longview, TX invited Walt and Patti to teach their marriage seminar to the students there.
- ❹ A weekend conference entitled Refresh 2007 was hosted by New Song

- Fellowship of Lancaster, PA where David taught *Finding Encouragement in a Discouraging World*.
- ❺ David taught *The Look of the Leader* in Cortland, NY for lay leaders of the Empire State Division of The Salvation Army. Pictured with David are Captains Scott and Danielle Dorchak and Major Eunice Champlin.
- ❻ Some young people in Cortland, NY constructed a "wall" during one of the break times. Later David used this symbol of a wall in referring to the many challenges Nehemiah faced in leading others to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.



MARCH



- ❶ Walt taught *The Look of the Leader* at the men's retreat for the First Assembly of God, Lexington, KY and also spoke at the church on Sunday morning.
- ❷ Pictured are Senior Pastor Terry Sikes and Senior Associate Pastor Steve Gehring.
- ❸ Major Cindy Lowcock and Sarah Bentley at The Salvation Army Officers' Council held at Camp Del Oro near Nevada City, CA. David presented *Leaving A Legacy* as part of the three-day conference.
- ❹ Walt and Patti were at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Centereach, NY where they taught the marriage seminar and Walt spoke at the Sunday services. Pictured (l-r) is Pastor Ron Steltzer with Barbara and John Lunday, Seminar Coordinators.

APRIL



- ❶ Pictured (l-r) is Walt with Senior Pastor Ken Whitten and Associate Pastor Reno Zunz of Idlewild Baptist Church in Tampa, FL. Walt spoke at the Wednesday evening mid-week service and the Watchmen on the Wall banquet the following night. Walt also spoke at their mens' retreat in February.
- ❷ David presented *The Encouragement Seminar* for this good looking group called "The Crossbearers" at the Territorial Officers Institute held in Southern CA.

- ❸ Fairhaven Camps of Brooks, ME held a men's conference that featured various team activities and the teaching of *Finding Encouragement in a Discouraging World*. David wanted to fully participate so he represented the "blue team" in volleyball, ping pong, and skeet shooting—that is until he was kicked off the "blue team" for what was later described as "unbelievable incompetence." He is pictured with Joe Littlefield and Dave Sheldon, Camp General Manager.

Still Work to Do

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVT	SPK
July 13-15	PAO Pacific NW Coaches Timeout Seattle, WA	GEN	WW
July 15-20	Sandy Cove Conference Center North East, MD	GEN	W/D
July 28-29	Dogwood Church Peachtree City, GA	GEN	DH
Jul 28-Aug 3	Maranatha Bible Conference Muskegon, MI	GEN	WW
Aug 1-3	Bethany Christian School Baker, LA	LoFL	DH
Aug 9-13	Dallas 1 Corp Staff Cruise Tampa, FL	CON	W/P/D
Aug 27-29	Church at Charlotte Staff Retreat Charlotte, NC	STW	WW
Aug 31	Church at Charlotte TotTime Charlotte, NC	GEN	WW
Aug 31-Sept 2	The Salvation Army Camp Swoneky Oregonia, OH	GEN	DH
Sept 12	Evans Roofing Company Atlanta, GA	CON	DH
Sept 15-17	The Salvation Army Sacramento, CA	ENC	DH
Sept 16	Iron Men Retreat Montreat, NC	GEN	WW
Sept 23-27	FCCI National Conference Sarasota, FL	GEN	WW
Oct 5-7	Ocean City Tabernacle Ocean City, NJ	MAR	W/P
Oct 5-8	Monadnock Bible Conf. Singles Retreat Jaffrey, NH	FEDW	DH
Oct 12	Fort Myers Christian School Fort Myers, FL	GEN	WW
Oct 13-14	Branford Evangelical Free Ch Branford, CT	LEG / GEN	DH
Oct 18-21	Victory Ministries Pastors Conf Anchorage, AK	GEN	WW
Oct 26-28	The Salvation Army Camp Del Oro, CA	MAR	DH
Nov 2-4	"10" – WWE's 10th Anniversary Celebration in Atlanta, GA		
Nov 9-10	Grace Point 1st Bapt Men's Retreat Newtown, PA	GEN	WW
Nov 15	LifeWorks Breakfast Charleston, SC	GEN	WW
Nov 19-20	ACSI Teacher Conference Orlando, FL	LEG	DH
Nov 27-Dec 1	Mission trip to Cuba with Sid Stansell of Issa International	ENC	W/D
Dec 11-14	Evans Roofing Company Elmira, NY	CON	DH

EVENTS KEY:
 CON = Consulting
 ENC = The Encouragement Seminar
 FEDW = Finding Encouragement in a Discouraging World
 GEN = General
 LEG = Leaving A Legacy
 LoFL = The Look of the Leader
 MAR = Marriage Seminar

SPEAKERS:
 DH = David Hodge
 W/D = Walt & David
 WW = Walt Wiley
 W/P = Walt & Patti

MAY