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The Wit & Wisdom of Walt Wiley

Lately I have found myself walking down memory lane and thinking about some of the memorable events, places and people I have come across while being associated with Winning With Encouragement. It's probably a result of our ten-year anniversary celebration, or maybe it's just the kind of thing you do when you get old—I don't know. Anyhow, as I look back here is a short list of some of those memories coupled with some random thoughts I often have.

There was the time . . .

- when comfortably employed, a friend challenged me with, "What would it take to get you to leave here and start something new?"
- when sharing the dream of what became WWE with someone, they said, "You're crazy; you have to walk before you can fly."
- when I hired two people to work with me but I wasn't sure how I would pay them.
- and whatever happened to succotash?

There was the time . . .

- when I agreed to teach our new seminar, *The Look of the Leader*, with a workbook I had not yet produced.
- when I lost a man in Jerusalem for a day.
- when I saw a genuine, authentic, unexplainable, no way miracle.
- and why is the person responsible for everything outside called the Secretary of the Interior?

There was the time...

- when I really laughed with a group of elementary school children in Fargo, ND.
- when David Hodge, Sid Stansell and I went bowling in Havana with a group of Cuban pastors.
- when I sat at midnight with friends on a wharf on the Island of Patmos waiting for a boat that got there at 5 A.M.
- when after a WWE outreach, a mother and her son approached me and she said, "Go ahead, Avery, tell him what happened." Avery said, "Today I asked Christ into my life."
- and do people still bob for apples?

There was the time . . .

- when I was speaking to a group of people in Alaska and a moose appeared at the window behind me.
- when Patti and I sat with a group of friends on top of Mt. Sinai watching the sun come up.
- when after teaching *The Encouragement Seminar*, a man in Florida said, "I thought you were going to talk about how to encourage." Presto, a seminar was born.
- and does anyone know what happened to the airplane blankets?

This list doesn't scratch the surface. So many countless memories! During the past ten years we have been in some great places, encountered thousands of great people, and had an unbelievable amount of fantastic experiences. Looking back, I am reminded of something God told Israel He would do and summed it up by saying, "So that the people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this..." (Isaiah 41:20).

DONE BY HIM

WWE Celebrates 10 Years of Ministry



A great part of the weekend was the music supplied by Robert Adams of Fort Worth, TX

On November 2-4, 2007, Winning With Encouragement celebrated 10 years of ministry at the Omni

Hotel at CNN Center in downtown Atlanta. The theme for the weekend was *Done By Him* as WWE's friends, board and staff came together to praise and thank God for His blessings on this ministry.

Our weekend started with a Friday evening reception as Deen Day Sanders graciously welcomed the out-of-town guests who arrived from 17 different states. Saturday morning our guests were greeted by



Included in the weekend was a picnic in Centennial Park.

WWE's friend and Georgia Senator Don Balfour. The morning activities included *A Sip of WWE* as Walt and Patti Wiley and David Hodge shared a portion or "sip"

of the various seminars WWE teaches, followed by recollections from a number of our guests sharing their thoughts of WWE seminars, Holy Land tours and other ministry encounters.

A gala banquet was held Saturday evening with many more WWE friends joining our weekend guests for a celebration that included an entertaining



Vince Nauss, President of Baseball Chapel, impersonates Billy Graham during "The Roast of Walt Wiley" portion of Saturday's program. In the background are fellow roasters David Hodge and Bart Wiley. Other roasters were Randy Glanz, Brett Butler and Brett Wiley.

walk down memory lane, special music by Robert Adams of Fort Worth TX, a hilarious 'roast' of Walt Wiley, and a reminder that WWE is sustained and uplifted by our friends who have walked beside us through the years.

Our Sunday morning service featured Scripture readings and reflections from several guests and concluded with a message by David Hodge on *The Power of Encouragement*. After the service everyone enjoyed a southern-themed brunch of gigantic proportions.

"10" was a unique opportunity for the board and staff of WWE to gather with friends and be reminded of the wonderful things God has done for and through this ministry over the past decade. As we recounted so many great memories, we were constantly reminded of what Jesus told the demon possessed man after he healed him: "Go tell your friends what great things the Lord has done for you."



At our gala banquet one of the many video presentations that evening was given by WWE Board Member Bill Hollberg.



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ISRAEL . . . June 16-25

We are off to the land where so many of the Bible stories took place—Israel. We invite you to join WWE and friends from Tree of Life Christian Schools on an unbelievable pilgrimage to the places you have always wanted to go. Will you stand on the shores of the Sea of Galilee? Yes. Will you be in Jerusalem? Of course! Will we do everything we can to help the words of the Bible jump off the pages at places like Mt. Tabor, Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Garden Tomb, the Mount of Olives, and countless other places? Count on it! Will we help you come back a different person? We'll do our best to make that happen. Will we keep you safe, informed, smiling, organized and full of anticipation? You bet!

TURKEY and GREECE . . . October 14-25

Featuring Five of the Seven Churches of Revelation

This will be a wow! Included in the "Churches of Revelation" package is the ancient site of Ephesus. The trip features three boat rides, one domestic plane ride, and a bus journey that will take you to all the major cities visited by the Apostle Paul on his second missionary journey such as Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea and Corinth, and view the glory that was once Athens from Paul's vantage point atop Mars Hill. You'll also walk the streets of Istanbul and sail on the Bosphorus as well as visit the Isle of Patmos on the Aegean Sea.

We'd love to have you travel with us on this dream trip.



Other Places We've Been . . .

JUNE



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1 Walt finally gets his name up in lights at the Ocean City Tabernacle this summer, where he was invited again to speak by Dr. Richard Stanislaw.

2 Walt and Patti were privileged to visit St. Louis where Walt had the opportunity to speak at the PAO Coaches Timeout.



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1 While at the PAO Coaches Timeout in Redmond, WA, Walt served on a panel. Fellow panelists are (l-r) quarterback coach of the Seattle Seahawks, Jim Zorn, and his wife Joy, along with Les Steckel, president of FCA, and his wife Chris.



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2 Walt and David were invited to team teach WWE's seminar, *Finding Encouragement in a Discouraging World* at Sandy Cove Conference Center in North East, MD.

JULY

AUGUST

1 While at the Maranatha Bible & Missionary Conference in Muskegon, MI, a group of WWE Holy Land veterans (better known as "familiec") gathered with Walt and Patti to reminisce about their pilgrimages.

2 Walt was privileged to share with the ministerial staff of Church at Charlotte in a retreat setting in Winston Salem, NC.

3 Pictured are the teachers and staff of TotTime, the preschool ministry of Church at Charlotte. Walt had the privilege of sharing at this in-service meeting. Pictured seated on the far left is Patti Wiley, program director.

4 Dallas 1 Corporation in Tampa, FL hosted a WWE training for their 7th straight year . . . this time it was on a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico! Walt and Patti spoke on marriage while David taught on leadership response to conflict resolution.

5 Bethany Christian School in Baker, LA hosted *The Look of the Leader* for their teacher in-service training. Carolyn DeSalvo and her staff fed David the best banana cream pie he's ever had!



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Still Work to Do

... and the People We've Seen

SEPTEMBER



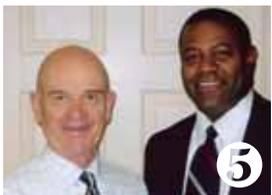
❶ Larry Johnson organized The Encouragement Seminar in Detroit, MI. Larry (l), his son Marcus, and Walt took a break from the seminar and attended a Tigers game.

❷ Walt shared at the Iron Men retreat held in Montreat, NC. Pictured are (l) Bob Spence, president/founder of Iron Men, and Lee Chewning, worship leader.

❸ Under a big tent David spoke at The Salvation Army Jubilee Congress in Oregonia, OH Labor Day weekend. His topic was *Finding Encouragement in a Discouraging World*.



OCTOBER



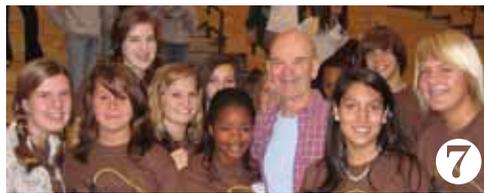
❶ Walt had the opportunity to speak to the leaders of SellEthics, a marketing firm in Matthews, NC. Pictured are a few of those in attendance.

❷ It was Walt's privilege to speak at the annual banquet for Fort Myers (FL) Christian School. Here's Walt with school principal Mel Mitchell and his wife Lee.

❸ Walt shared with a group of pastors from Victory Ministries in Sutton, Alaska. Here is Walt with camp director, Rick Cornfield.

❹ Pictured with David are Shauna Stevens, Andy Needham and Todd Carver. All three serve on the staff of Monadnock Bible Conference in NH where David spoke at a Singles' Retreat.

❺ Walt had the privilege of sharing four times at Central Church of God in Charlotte, NC. Pictured with Walt is



Reggie Coleman, minister to adult discipleship/small groups.

❻ While taking a break from speaking at Monadnock Bible Conference in NH, David (aka "Little Papi") played wiffle ball with conference attendees on a miniature version of Fenway Park in Boston. The ball field included a recreation of the Green Monster wall in left field.

❼ Walt spoke at a public school leadership conference in the Charlotte area for the North Carolina Western Association of Student Council District. He is pictured here with a few of students.

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVT	SPK
Nov 2-4	WWE's 10th Anniversary Celebration in Atlanta		
Nov 7	Central Church of God (3 of 4) Charlotte, NC	STW	WW
Nov 9-10	Grace Point Church of Newtown, PA	STW	WW
Nov 13-15	CFE, Inc. Raleigh, NC	CON	DH
Nov 14	Central Church of God (4 of 4) Charlotte, NC	STW	WW
Nov 15	LifeWorks Breakfast Charleston, SC	GEN	WW
Nov 19-20	ACSI Teacher Conference Orlando, FL	LEG	DH
Nov 26-30	Issa Int'l Mission Trip to Camaguey, Cuba	ENC	W/D
Dec 11-14	Evans Roofing Company Elmira, NY	CON	DH
Jan 11-12	Dogwood Church Peachtree City, GA	LofL	DH
Jan 11-12	Turbocam International Barrington, NH	GEN	WW
Jan 14-17	Team RFC at Lake Yale BBC Leesburg, FL	GEN	WW
Jan 27	Nappanee Missionary Church Nappanee, IN	GEN	WW
Jan 29-Feb 1	Salvation Army Territorial Officers' Institute Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	LofL	DH
Feb 5-7	Evans Roofing Company Elmira, NY	CON	DH
Feb 11-23	Israel Pilgrimage		WW
Feb 22-24	Northstar Church of Kennesaw, GA Young Harris, GA	MAR	DH
Feb 29-Mar 1	Dogwood Church Peachtree City, GA	MAR	DH
Mar 2	Church at Charlotte Charlotte, NC	GEN	W/P
Mar 19	Charleston Southern Univ. Student Chapel Charleston, SC	GEN	WW
Mar 28-29	FCCI/Christ at Work Somerset, NJ	GEN	WW

EVENTS KEY:
 CON = Consulting
 ENC = The Encouragement Seminar
 GEN = General
 LEG = Leaving a Legacy
 LofL = The Look of the Leader
 MAR = Marriage Seminar
 STW = The Steward

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