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The Wit & Wisdom of Walt Wiley

Just a few weeks ago I had the privilege of gazing upon a beautiful sunrise. I know lots of people do that every day, but this was different because the vantage point was 7507 feet atop Mt. Sinai in that peninsula in Egypt of the same name. Getting to the mountain's summit consisted of a 2 a.m. 90 minute camel ride followed by a climb of over 750 steps. When we finally arrived at the top we had just a few minutes to catch our breath before we stood in awe as the sun quickly peaked over the horizon. It was truly a spectacular moment; you had to be there to appreciate it.

Know what? I discovered it's impossible to be in that part of the world without having your thoughts on Moses and the children of Israel. Their trip from Egypt to the region where I found myself took three months and they camped there for a year. I kept trying to imagine what that must have been like. It's very desolate there even today so I imagine they had plenty of time to reflect on what they had been

through so far, and they must have spent time contemplating what lay before them.

Their time at Mt. Sinai can be likened to a new year—a time to look back and a time to look ahead. Imagine what looking back meant to them. How could you ever forget watching a sea part and seeing water gush from a rock no less. How about the scene of watching over a million Jews dance on the banks of the Red Sea. Think about that! They saw progress as they looked back over those three short months and had enough fond memories to last them a lifetime. In one way when they looked back it was cause for smiles of accomplishment and progress. That's good!

However, when they looked back they also saw things they undoubtedly were ashamed of. Let's see, there was their lack of trust on the banks of the Red Sea and the whining that accompanied that, plus they exhibited a real attitude problem when 45 days into the trip they were ready to lynch Moses. They second-guessed God's menu choice for them (manna). They worried when they had nothing to drink and doubted God and Moses every step of the way. Sure, there had been some positive moments, but there had also been some times they would just as soon forget, things they were not too proud of.

Think about it. The Sinai experience was like turning the calendar to a new year. Looking back at Walt Wiley's year, I have to admit there were some great memories and some progress. That's good! But there were (I am sorry to say) some issues of trust, and I had my own moments of doubt and questioned what God was doing. Okay, to be truthful the times I lost confidence in God and in myself produced some whining, and predictably those things had an affect on my attitude. Oh, my goodness, and to think I made fun of those people at Sinai! Can you relate?

Everyone's favorite Bible verse at New Year is: "...forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Know what? It's true! If looking back requires asking for forgiveness, do it and don't forget to thank Him for the manna, the quail, the tiresome walk and times you were thirsty. Learn from those things and then forget them. Let it go, man.

Join me from Sinai: forget the failures of the desert and start moving toward the land God promised you. It's just possible that your land that flows with milk and honey is called 2008.

Winning With Encouragement Presents **Two Fantastic Travel Opportunities**

**Join Us In
Turkey and Greece
October 14-25, 2008**

Cost: \$2,999 per person

This experience features the Acropolis and Mars Hill of Athens, Greece and all the great sites of the fascinating city called Istanbul, Turkey. As if that isn't enough, it also features the cities of Paul's second missionary journey—Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth—along with five of the cities connected to the seven churches mentioned in the book of Revelation. Add to that a stop on the Island of Patmos and sailing on the Aegean Sea and the Bosphorus. You'll marvel at the rock carved monasteries of Meteora, and wait until you see Delphi and Ephesus.



**We're Off to Israel
June 16-26, 2008**

Cost: \$2,599 per person

So much to see! Remember Jesus' Sermon on the Mount? You'll be there. Do you recall the time He actually walked on the water? You'll take a boat ride on the same waters. Remember the story of Gideon choosing soldiers and Elijah challenging the prophets of Baal? You'll walk in the same areas. You'll be in Tiberias, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, and of course, Jerusalem. You'll be on top of the Golan Heights, Mt. Tabor and Masada. You'll float in the Dead Sea and wade in the Jordan River. With Bible in hand you'll visit all these places and more, each reminding you of the people who once walked where you are walking as they played a part in God's story.



Walt Wiley and his wife Patti along with their long-time agent, guide and friend Micha Ashkenazi of Jerusalem, Israel will be leading these two pilgrimages. They invite you to accompany them on one or both of these unforgettable, educational, inspirational, awe-inspiring, fun-filled, see-all, learn-all experiences that God will greatly use in your life. For the full details and registration procedures concerning these travel opportunities, please visit the tours section of our website at www.wweministries.org, or direct your questions to WWE by calling 888-993-1997 (toll free).

Two Join WWE Board of Directors

Ms. Joy Rhodes and Mr. Lee Mitchell were recently appointed to the Board of Directors of Winning With Encouragement. Joy and Lee will take their place on the board following the retirement of Brett and Eveline Butler who stepped down in November.

JOY RHODES was born in Anniston, AL, raised in a Christian home and became a Christian at a young age. She is a product of Georgia State University and resides in Marietta, GA. Joy is president of DECA-AMR Business Products. She is an active member of Eastside Baptist Church.

LEE MITCHELL resides with his wife Davis in Atlanta, GA, The Mitchells have two children, Lulu (3) and Bo (1), and another to arrive later this year. Lee graduated from Vanderbilt University and is the president of Applied Catalyst of Atlanta. Lee is from a Christian home and embraced Christ as a youngster.

WWE is happy to welcome Joy and Lee as part of our ministry's leadership team.

WWE's Instructor Training Opportunity

"In short, I love teaching this seminar, and I love the fact that it is thought provoking!"

— Shaun Lockett of Manomet, MA after recently teaching *The Look of the Leader* for the first time.

Since 1998 Winning With Encouragement has been committed to training ministry leaders and pastors to teach our seminars in their spheres of influence. We invite experienced communicators to consider being trained in either *The Encouragement Seminar* or *The Look of the Leader*. Each person trained receives a leader's guide, PowerPoint CD, the complete seminar on CD, and a license to teach the material.

At our recent training conference in Atlanta, these five became our latest to be equipped to teach *The Look of the Leader*. Pictured (l-r) are Darryl Moulder, Shaun Lockett, Kevin Moore, Tim Coleman, and James Srodulski.

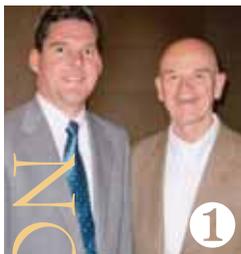
**WWE's next instructor training:
The Encouragement Seminar
Atlanta, GA on June 13-14, 2008**



For more information please visit our website: www.wweministries.org. Contact us by phone at 877-427-1997 (toll free) or email at seminars@wweministries.org.



Recent Places We've Been...



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1 Walt Wiley, pictured with Dr. John Duncan, Dean of the Business School at Charleston Southern University, spoke at the LifeWorks breakfast in Charleston SC.

2 David Hodge and Walt Wiley spent four days in Camaguey CUBA sharing *The Encouragement Seminar* to a group of house pastors. They traveled with WWE board member Sid Stansell (the tall one in the middle) and are pictured here with Havana pastor/interpreter Ivan Suarez (between David and Walt) and conference organizers Pastor Ernesto Emmanuellin and his wife Yanetsi.



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3 While in Cuba David and Walt were ready to take a joy ride on this beautiful motorcycle. (If the engine would have started they both would have fainted.)

4 Walt was fortunate to share *The Steward* at a men's retreat from Grace Point First Baptist of Newtown PA.

NOVEMBER
DECEMBER



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1 A pause in the action at the WWE Christmas party in Gainesville GA. Pictured is board member Wayne Kise (l) and his wife Judy along with board member George Molloy and his wife Rhonda.

2 David conducted four days of training and consulting in Elmira NY with Evans Roofing Company. It snowed rather heavily (in David's opinion) while he was there. Pictured on casual Friday are Bill Fischer, President and Mike



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Spinosa, Comptroller moments before David pelted them with snowballs.

3 Walt had the opportunity to speak at the Seattle Seahawks chapel meeting when the team played the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte. Walt is here with Jim Zorn (l), former Seahawks quarterback coach—now Head Coach of the Washington Redskins, and Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck.

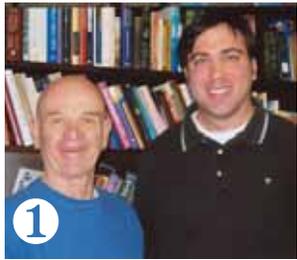
Just Back from Israel, Jordan and The Sinai

The 42 people pictured here returned to the USA on February 23 after traveling to Israel, Jordan and the Sinai. They are pictured before the famous treasury in Petra, Jordan. The trip was produced by Pastor Alan Miller of Mohrsville, PA and led by Walt Wiley.



One traveler described his experience as "... a smorgasbord of sites that create a foundation for a much deeper and more visual understanding of the Bible."

... and the People We've Seen



JANUARY

1 Walt addressed a men's group at his home church, Church at Charlotte. Pictured here with Walt is the Community Life Pastor, John Jacobs, who was the event organizer.

2 Walt was honored to be the guest speaker at the Summit Business Person's Luncheon sponsored by The Church at Pinnacle Hills in Rogers AR. Dr. Ronnie Floyd, Senior Pastor and Summit Leader, poses with Walt.

3 Walt had the opportunity to speak at three morning services at Nappanee (IN) Missionary Church. Walt is here with Senior Associate Pastor Joe Focht.

4 For two consecutive years Walt has been invited to speak to the staff retreat for Racers For Christ by President Paul Neighbors. This

year the event was held in Leesburg FL. Here Walt poses with a few attendees who are chaplains at drag strip venues across America.

5 Walt and Patti Wiley spent three days in chilly New Hampshire where they spoke at Turbocam Int'l, a fascinating company that prides itself on manufacturing impellers. Pictured with Walt is the company's leadership team: Scott Dearborn, Marian Noronha (founder/president), Walt, Ollie Sexton and Rob Bujeaud. (Walt's tour of the highly technical factory induced a raft of "dumb questions.")

6 Walt had the privilege of speaking at a chapel service at Shiloh Christian School in Springdale AR. Here he cools it with a drink and a few of the students.

7 Officers of The Salvation Army are pictured on the beautiful grounds of Crestmont College in Rancho Palos Verdes CA where David taught *The Look of the Leader* during the Territorial Officers Institute.

8 Pictured is a portion of the audience for *The Look of the Leader* seminar taught by David and sponsored by Dogwood Church in Peachtree City GA.

9 While speaking in Arkansas Walt is seen here in Bentonville in front of the first store owned by Sam Walton, founder of WalMart.

10 The leadership staff of Southwest Christian Care is pictured in front of the Atlanta GA corporate headquarters of Chick-Fil-a where David taught *Developing a Winning Team*. It was the third year in a row that WWE provided a team building course for the staff of this wonderful ministry that includes a hospice and respite center (for medically fragile children, children with autism, and senior citizens).

What We've Got Planned

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVT	SPK
Mar 2	Church at Charlotte — Rock the House Charlotte, NC	GEN	W/P
Mar 5	Central Church of God Charlotte, NC	PZ	DH
Mar 6	Lee County Staff Banquet Leesburg, GA	GEN	WW
Mar 12	Joe Gibbs Racing Employee Luncheon Huntersville, NC	GEN	WW
Mar 19	Charleston Southern University Chapel Service Charleston, SC	GEN	WW
Mar 20	Pathway Communities Peachtree City, GA	GEN	DH
Mar 28-29	Called to Work Conference Somerset, NJ	GEN	WW
Mar 30	Rutgers Community Christian Church Somerset, NJ	GEN	WW
Apr 4-5	Maximum Man Conference Raleigh, NC	GEN	WW
Apr 10-12	The Fechtel Company Steinhatchee, FL	GEN	WW
Apr 13	Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Sandy Springs, GA	GEN	DH
Apr 20	Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Sandy Springs, GA	GEN	DH
Apr 27	Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Sandy Springs, GA	GEN	DH
Apr 29-May 2	The Salvation Army Territorial Officers Institute Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	ENC	DH
May 4	Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Sandy Springs, GA	GEN	DH
May 9-10	Christ at Work Conference Albuquerque, NM	GEN	WW
May 23-26	America's Keswick Conference Center Whiting, NJ	GEN	WW
May 30-June 12	Israel Pilgrimage with Scottsdale (AZ) Christian Academy		WW
June 13-14	Dogwood Church Peachtree City, GA	ENC S/T	DH
June 16-26	WWE Israel Pilgrimage		W/P
July 15-17	Evans Roofing Company Elmira, NY	CON	DH
July 18-20	Pro Athletes Outreach Great Lakes CTO Detroit, MI	GEN	WW
July 26	Ocean City Tabernacle Ocean City, NJ	GEN	W/P
July 27	Ocean City Tabernacle Ocean City, NJ	GEN	WW

EVENTS KEY:
 ENC = The Encouragement Seminar
 CON = Consulting
 GEN = General
 PZ = Solving the People Puzzle
 S/T = Seminar / Trainer

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

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