

September 16—“Emptying: A Fresh Breeze as We Let Go”



**Pilgrim Heart—The Way
of Jesus in Everyday Life**

Introduction

- Pilgrim Heart—The Way of Jesus in Everyday Life
- **Luke 9:3**=Missionary Minimalism
- Spirit of “emptying”=center
- Easy to forget



Jesus—Our Example

- **Philippians 2:1-11**
- ***Kenosis***—technical term for emptying
- ***Yielding up***
- **Romans and Corinthians texts**
- **George F. R. Ellis' definition**



Jesus—Our Example

- Reach such a state?
- *March of the Penguins (2005)*
- Most fundamental lesson
- Bonhoeffer quote
- Lifetime learner!
- Stunning array of paradoxes!



Jesus—Our Example

- French writer Simone Weil quote
- Anyone can carry the cross daily
- See **Luke 9:23**
- Learn to relinquish...
- Formed in image of Christ, NOT our doing= **Romans 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Ephesians 2:10**

Warning



- **Subject to distortion**
- **Exploitation of the weak**
- **Not a rare spiritual gift**
- **Misleads**
- **Be prepared for crisis**
- **Be prepared to immerse self in life of Jesus!**

Conclusion



- **Need to look like for me?**
- **Grasping something?**
- **1 Corinthians 5:7 Lamb sacrificed**
- **1 Peter 2:5 we offer sacrifices**
- **How does Jesus' life of emptying himself still convict me?**