Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well, for those who work the standard work week, Monday through Friday, Wednesday has become known to some as "Hump Day" or the day on which everything starts going downhill after the climb that was!!!

Well, for those who operate with Sunday as the first day of the week and Saturday as the last day of the week in accord with many of the calendars we find Wednesday has become known as "Hump Day" or the day on which everything starts going downhill after the climb that was!!!

Well, much like weeks, seasons of the year also have something akin what we might call "Hump Days"! We have been in the grip of one amazing winter this year. Normally, I look forward to February and the "Winter Festival" dotted by numerous ice sculptures in the park. Now I may like the ice sculptures that adorn the park, but that is not necessarily why I get so very excited about the Ely "Winter Festival". For you see, once our Ely "Winter Festival" has occurred I like to believe that we have hit "Hump Day" on the season of winter and that everything starts going downhill after the climb that was!!!

However, this year I do not know what to expect, I am left to do a bit of (new word here) <u>WONDERINGMENT</u> about when this season of winter will start going downhill after the climb that was!!!

Now, as children in the Family of God we may have from time to time felt like we have been caught in the grips of a bit of some (new word here) <u>WONDERINGMENT!!!</u>

Given a standard work week I know exactly when "Hump Day" is, given a standard calendar week I know exactly when "Hump Day" is, given this winter I am unclear about when "Hump Day" is and I am left with (new word here) **WONDERINGMENT**!!!

When it comes to our walk with God we can be as sure about our walk with God as we can about when "Hump Day" is in relation to a standard week. When it comes to our walk with God we can avoid the kind of (new word here) <u>WONDERINGMENT</u> that has crept into our wondering about winter's "Hump Day" for this year!!!

When we as God's Children spend time in <u>PRAYER</u>, not only talking with God but listening to God we gain greater clarity with regards to our walk with God!!!

When we as God's Children spend time reading from the <u>SCRIPTURES</u>, seeking to study and learn from God we gain greater clarity with regards to our walk with God!!!

When we as God's Children spend time in <u>WORSHIPPING</u> God and in <u>FELLOWSHIPPING</u> with each other as brothers and sisters in the Family of God we gain greater clarity with regards to our walk with God!!!

Let us stop the (new word here) <u>WONDERINGMENT</u> when it comes to our walk with God by building relationships grounded in prayer, scripture, worship, and fellowship, <u>PRAISE GOD</u>!!!

Love in Christ,