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Subject: Flying on Wings

Dear Leadership Group,

I just returned from the Personal Effectiveness Seminar (P.E.S.), the "starter" seminar of the Wings program based in Eugene. It is an intense four-day seminar for participants. Being a member of the assist team meant I started the work 6 PM Wednesday, the evening before the participants arrived. The other days I started at 8 AM and finished between 10 and 10:30 PM. Every minute is accounted for and purposefully choreographed. Being on the assist team gave me an even better glimpse into the incredible work, thought, creativity, and brilliance that goes into the execution of the seminar.

I originally attended P.E.S. five years ago. Nothing has come close to having such a positive effect on my life. It had more impact on my accountability than three years as a naval officer on a destroyer. More impact on my understanding of language than six years of college. More impact on my integrity than 40 years of church.

Last week's participants ranged from 23 to 59 yrs old. From CEO/owner of a hugely successful company to an aspiring actress to a counter top installer. Tall and short, thin and sturdy. From Alaska to Hawaii to New Mexico.

All came in Thursday wanting to show up more fully or find more meaning in their lives. Most were skeptical, many were hesitant, some had been to other programs or counseling. A few were feeling pretty miserable in their lives. They each wanted to create something better for themselves, either personally or professionally (which, I suppose, is most often still a personal thing).

By Sunday evening each of the 19 had made highly evident strides in becoming clear, courageous, confident. The changes in eyes and faces were dramatic. The honesty with which they now looked at their lives was inspiring. All reluctance of day one had vanished. There were now 19 who had deeper understandings of themselves and tools to create changes. Gratitude was universal. All of us were touched and moved by the new integrity and accountability we saw. (Wings offers a full refund, no questions asked, to anyone who is not satisfied. The refund rate is 0.1%)

So..... that's a bit of my experience. Wings is the best time and money I have ever spent.

Thanks,
Chas.