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History records it as a battle of the Jews against Jesus. It wasn't. It was a battle of God against Satan.

And Jesus knew it. He knew that before the war was over, he would be taken captive. He knew that before victory would come defeat. He knew that before the throne would come the cup. He knew that before the light of Sunday would come the blackness of Friday.

He turns and begins the final ascent to the garden. When he reaches the entry he stops and turns his eyes toward his circle of friends. It will be the last time he sees them before they abandon him. He knows what they will do when the soldiers come. He knows their betrayal is only minutes away.

But he doesn't accuse. He doesn't lecture. Instead he prays. His last moments with his disciples are in prayer.

It's worth noting that Jesus chose prayer. He chose to pray for us. "I pray for these men. But I am also praying for all people who will believe in me because of the teaching of these men. Father, I pray that all people who believe in me can be one...I pray that these people can also be one in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me."

In his final prayer, Jesus prayed for you. As Jesus stepped into the garden, you were in his prayers. As Jesus looked into heaven, you were in his vision. As Jesus dreamed of the day when we will be where he is, he saw you there.

His final prayer was about you. His final pain was for you. His final passion was you.

He steps into the garden. Never has he felt so alone.

"The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak," Jesus confesses. His humanity begged to be delivered from what his divinity could see. Can't there be another way?

We know there was a time when if he could have, he would have turned his back on the whole mess and gone away.

But he couldn't.

He couldn't because he saw you. Right there in the middle of a world which isn't fair. He saw you cast into a river of life you didn't request. He saw you betrayed by those you love. He saw you with a body which gets sick and a heart which grows weak.

He saw you in your own garden of gnarled trees and sleeping friends. He saw you staring into the pit of your own failures and the mouth of your own grave.

He saw you in your Garden of Gethsemane---and he didn't want you to be alone.

The battle is won.

For it was in the garden that he made his decision. He would rather go to hell for you than go to heaven without you.

**He chose you.**

(Excerpts from "He Chose You" from The Final Week of Jesus by Max Lucado)

## **WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE?**

You chose God as a pilgrim on your walk.

You choose Jesus when you serve on a team.

You choose Jesus when you serve on the Emmaus board.

You choose Jesus when you offer agape.

You choose Jesus when you attend Gatherings.

You choose Jesus when you whisper prayers during the prayer vigil.

All because He chose you.

**So, who will you choose to share Jesus with?**

***"Sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus."***

There are two remaining team meetings for the Women's Walk in June.

Team formation is in full speed for the Men's Walk in October.

There is room at the table. Who will you invite?

You are Jesus' hands and feet when you sponsor a pilgrim.

**Jesus chose you. Who will you choose?**

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## THE BOARD IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE LEADERSHIP OF MEN'S WALK #88~2019:

LAY DIRECTOR: *Vernon Gresham*

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: *Ron Shott*

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: *Steve Carroll*

*Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria  
October 17-20, 2019*

As we say goodbye and wish  
**KIM WOOD** all the best on her new journey, we thank  
Kim for her dedication and service to our community  
as our Emmaus Registrar. We will miss you and Rick!

The Board is pleased to welcome and announce our  
next Emmaus Registrar, **RETHA HAHN**.

Thank you, Kim and Retha, for sharing your servant  
hearts with us!

## GATHERINGS

April 26, 2019 FUMC-Victoria  
May 17, 2019 FUMC-El Campo  
June 14, 2019 FUMC-Port Lavaca  
\*\*\*Women's Team Commissioning\*\*\*  
July 19, 2019 Grace Presbyterian-Victoria  
\*\*\*Babe Chicks meet at 6:00 PM\*\*\*

POTLUCK DINNERS BEGIN AT 6:30 PM!

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 9, 2019

7:00 PM

Jackson Electric Coop  
8925 State Highway 111 South  
Ganado, TX 77962



### Calling all Community!

There are open time slots on the PRAYER VIGIL and remaining AGAPE needs. Please take a moment to visit our website to sign up for the Prayer Vigil and Agape for the Women's Walk. You can click here [cremmaus.org](http://cremmaus.org) to go directly to our website for signup!

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*"When He was at the table with them, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.*

*Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him..." Luke 24:30-31*

## *Women's Walk #87-2019*

June 20-23, 2019

Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria

Registration fee: \$225

Lay Director: Janet Tudor  
Spiritual Director: Dan Zellmer  
Board Representative: Carolyn Gordon



*"Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into His glory? Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about Himself in all the scriptures."*

Luke 24:26-27

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<i>Asst. Lay Director:</i>	<i>Ron Langford</i>	<i>Neta Ripple</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Jan Scott</i>	<i>Jan Scott</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Daniel &amp; Kelly Lockey</i>	<i>Steve Carroll</i>
<i>Team Selection Chair:</i>	<i>Carolyn Gordon</i>	<i>Jack Tudor</i>
<i>Immediate Past Lay Director:</i>	<i>Mike Myers</i>	
<i>Community Spiritual Director:</i>	<i>Rev. Richard Young</i>	<b><u>Class of 2020:</u></b>
<i>Community Asst. Spiritual Directors:</i>	<i>Rev. Dan Zellmer</i>	<i>Linda Alderson</i>
	<i>Rev. Paul Beard</i>	<i>Daniel &amp; Kelly Lockey</i>
<i>Prayer Vigils:</i>	<i>Bo Raz</i>	<i>Rick Graff</i>
<i>Agape Chair:</i>	<i>Cheryl Worley</i>	<i>Ron Langford</i>
<i>Trailer:</i>	<i>Sharing the Love of Christ</i>	
	<i>Men's Reunion Group,</i>	
	<i>Port Lavaca</i>	
<i>Music:</i>	<i>Linda Alderson</i>	<b><u>Class of 2019:</u></b>
<i>Candlelight:</i>	<i>Mike Kinsey</i>	<i>Steve Bales</i>
<i>Reunion Groups:</i>	<i>Boz Raz</i>	<i>Clint Mitchell</i>
<i>Fundraising:</i>	<i>Karen Hable,</i>	<i>Cheryl Worley</i>
	<i>Morning Glories</i>	<i>Carolyn Gordon</i>
	<i>Reunion Group, Victoria</i>	
<i>Newsletter:</i>	<i>Monica Bard</i>	
<i>Website:</i>	<i>Bill Rakowitz</i>	
<i>Emmaus Registrar:</i>	<i>Retha Hahn</i>	
<i>Community Trainers:</i>	<i>Neta &amp; Gerald Ripple</i>	
<i>2019 Women's Walk Lay Director:</i>	<i>Janet Tudor</i>	
<i>2019 Men's Walk Lay Director:</i>	<i>Vernon Gresham</i>	