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## A devotion from "Walking Side by Side: Devotions for Pilgrims"

(Upper Room Books, 1998)

*The drama reduced us to tears. Near the end of a long Saturday on a 1991 Emmaus weekend near Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa, a group of women acted out their skit about Christian action. Following a reading from John 13:14, six women--black, white, and coloured--stood in a semi-circle softly singing a song in Zulu. In their midst, a middle-aged black woman sat in a chair while a young white woman knelt before her and gently washed her tired feet. In those days in South Africa, whites, blacks, and coloureds rarely spoke at length with one another or worshiped with one another. Although apartheid was being legally dismantled, its effects on racial relationships were still dominant. So this drama was both a profoundly spiritual and a profoundly political moment.*

*One the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus once again turned expectations upside down by taking the role of the lowliest servant in the household—washing the disciples' feet. Jesus offered two reasons for his actions.*

*The first reason was simply that he must cleanse them and they, no matter how uncomfortable they felt, were to receive his ministering. "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." John 13:8. The initiation, the action, belongs to Jesus. We, the church, respond to this divine action and are anchored in his cleansing action. This attitude of receptivity was not easy for Simon Peter, nor is it easy for us, yet it is foundational for our relationship with Jesus.*

*Second, Jesus modeled an attitude of humility and service that they were to emulate. "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:14 We are challenged to set aside our notions of power and position, just as he did (read Philippians 2:1-11). Following him will turn expectations upside down. Our ministry may produce as much discomfort and questioning as the disciples experienced with Jesus.*

Questions for Reflection: When has someone reached out to you in Christian action? What might God be asking you to do?

For this and other devotions specific to your Walk, "Walking Side by Side" is available for purchase from Upper Room Books here: <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/880/walking-side-by-side.aspx>

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## 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*

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## TEAM MEETINGS:

(Please note corrected locations)

August 24, 2019 FUMC-Edna  
September 14, 2019 FUMC-El Campo  
October 5, 2019 Grace Presbyterian-Victoria

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday

September 24, 2019

7:00 PM

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

## GATHERINGS

Potluck Dinner at 6:30 PM

August 16, 2019	First Presbyterian-Victoria
September 20, 2019	FUMC-Seadrift
October 11, 2019	John Wesley UMC-Victoria
November 15, 2019	Salem Lutheran-Port Lavaca
December 13, 2019	Danevang Lutheran-Danevang

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*"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

## **Men's Walk #88-2019**

**October 17 – 20, 2019**

**Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria**

**Registration fee: \$225**

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## Prayer Requests for Men's Walk #88-2019

- ✓ **Pray** for the men's team as they bond and prepare talks.
- ✓ **Pray** for the Holy Spirit to fill every man and every meeting.
- ✓ **Pray** for God's presence and guidance throughout the preparations.
- ✓ **Pray** for the families of the men's team as they support one another.
- ✓ **Pray** for the already registered pilgrim and for the pilgrims yet to be registered.
- ✓ **Pray** for God to reveal the men who will fill this walk and empower you to sponsor a pilgrim on this walk.

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*The time is fast approaching for election of four (4) board members for the Class of 2022.*

*The nomination committee is starting the task of compiling a slate of nominees. If you have an interest in serving on the Crossroads Emmaus Board, please contact one of the current board members and let them know!*

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*Lay Director:*

*Steve Bales*

**Class of 2021:**

*Asst. Lay Director:*

*Ron Langford*

*Neta Ripple*

*Secretary:*

*Jan Scott*

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*Treasurer:*

*Daniel & Kelly Lockey*

*Steve Carroll*

*Team Selection Chair:*

*Carolyn Gordon*

*Jack Tudor*

*Immediate Past Lay Director:*

*Mike Myers*

*Community Spiritual Director:*

*Rev. Richard Young*

**Class of 2020:**

*Community Asst. Spiritual Directors:*

*Rev. Dan Zellmer*

*Linda Alderson*

*Rev. Paul Beard*

*Daniel & Kelly Lockey*

*Prayer Vigils:*

*Bo Raz*

*Rick Graff*

*Agape Chair:*

*Cheryl Worley*

*Ron Langford*

*Trailer:*

*Sharing the Love of Christ*

*Men's Reunion Group,*

*Port Lavaca*

*Music:*

*Linda Alderson*

**Class of 2019:**

*Candlelight:*

*Mike Kinsey*

*Steve Bales*

*Reunion Groups:*

*Boz Raz*

*Clint Mitchell*

*Fundraising:*

*Karen Hable,*

*Cheryl Worley*

*Morning Glories*

*Carolyn Gordon*

*Reunion Group, Victoria*

*Newsletter:*

*Monica Bard*

*Website:*

*Bill Rakowitz*

*Emmaus Registrar:*

*Retha Hahn*

*Community Trainers:*

*Neta & Gerald Ripple*

*2019 Women's Walk Lay Director:*

*Janet Tudor*

*2019 Men's Walk Lay Director:*

*Vernon Gresham*