

Saturday - March 21

As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.

Luke 24:15 (NIV)

As I began to think of sharing a story about my journey in faith, I was reminded of the passage about the road to Emmaus. The jump was pretty easy since the passage is actually about the journey of two men as their eyes were opened to Jesus. This reminded me of my, Walk to Emmaus experience.

As their website states, “The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation ... it is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God’s grace and love is revealed to you through others...” I learned much about myself and my faith during the three day retreat. What I found special about this experience was that, for me, it did not last just the three days. For years afterward, I took advantage of the opportunities surrounding this program like being a part of a sharing group, serving on other Walks, supporting those in leadership and participating in the weekend retreat.

When I went on my “Walk”, I was a new mom and new to being a pastor’s wife (in a small country church!). I felt very young in the faith and unsure of what God (or anyone) expected of me. Those three days taught me to see Jesus in those around me, in the world, through study and discipleship. Being a part of the weekly sharing group not only got me out of the house on my own(!), but helped me to learn skills and form habits to keep me accountable to those disciplines. One of the goals of Emmaus, is to create a stronger Church community for serving others. After a few years and as my confidence in my faith grew, I was able to serve as a member on weekend teams, supporting those new to their own journeys. That was an awesome experience, as others came to recognize Jesus in their lives.

It has been awhile since I have been involved in the program. My journey continues in other ways. I am so thankful for that one experience along the way, the learning and the love shared through it.

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Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for always being with us on our journey, for showing us the way, and for giving us a strong faith. Amen.