

# Wilmington Emmaus

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Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM

## BE

**Please make me all that you want me to BE.**

This was my prayer riding home from my Emmaus walk. I was processing all that God spoke and showed me as I was walking down the road to Emmaus with Him. I never wanted to forget any part of this special time with just me and Him. I so desired to BE the person that He created me to BE. He knew my heart. in my Fourth Days I wanted others to see, feel, hear and desire to have a personal relationship with Jesus through my being.

Thinking about everyone who served on the walk and the speakers that humbly

shared their life stories, I could never see myself standing before a room full of people and speaking. I am sure many of you are thinking the same thing right now! I remember asking God "What would I share?" if I had the opportunity. Just as I got into my own bed that night this song by Al Denson which I had never heard before came on the radio.

Be here in my eyes  
So others may see  
The beauty and presence of  
Your love  
In one who was blind but  
now believes  
Be here in my heart  
Flow through by blood

## from Robyn's Roost

Strengthen my soul and  
wash me clean  
A living example of what  
Your grace has done  
I will walk beside You  
I give You my life  
And when others seek to  
find You  
May I be a light that shines  
Be here in my hands  
Give me your touch  
Use me to comfort and to  
build  
Shelter for those who need  
Your love  
Breathe words to my lips  
So I may speak  
Echo Your truth and living  
words  
Lord, make me all I can be  
I will walk beside You  
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## HAVE YOUR PEOPLE GET WITH MY PEOPLE

*"Lord, you have searched me out and known me. You...are acquainted with all my ways."*

*Read: Psalm 139:1-2*

Planning a trip to visit family, I encouraged my sister to buy her ticket before the great airfare sale I'd found disappeared. "Oh, I've got people who do that for me," she said. Her comment not only delineated the difference between a CEO and an editor, but also got me thinking about people who have people.

Jesus had people during

his time on earth. A rather ragtag group, but loyal and loving: his family, his disciples, his friends Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and Mary Magdalene, plus the tax collectors and publicans, beggars and lepers, centurions and sinners he met during his travels.

God has even more people—you and me and every single person ever created. And God knows each of us intimately. The psalmist's description of this relationship reminds me of the Run-away Bunny and his mother in that classic children's book: if

we climb up to heaven, God is there; if we go to our grave, God is there; if we fly on the wings of the morning to the uttermost parts of the sea, God is even there, holding us fast (139:7-8).

I don't mind that I am never going to be a CEO or have people like my sister, but I am so very grateful God has chosen me to be one of his people.

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## DAVE'S DISPENSES

### Don't Bet On The Horses

We just returned from a long weekend in Gatlinburg with nearly all of my wife Robyn's family. We had a great time. There were 19 adults and 6 kids hanging out together in a humongous chalet up in the hills. We had plenty of scrumptious food, lots of rich fellowship, and loads of family fun. It sort of reminded me of an Emmaus Gathering!

When driving home today we decided to exit Interstate 75 and drive Route 68 back to Wilmington. I hadn't driven that stretch of road from Lexington for many years, and was amazed at the improvements. It is a four lane highway now and Robyn commented on how nice all the surrounding area looked. And you should have seen the upscale horse farms! There were plantation homes, stables galore, and miles and miles of imposing white fences, not to mention the impressive horses grazing in the manicured pastures.

At the same time I was admiring this opulent equine environment, a song named "God of Hope" began playing on a new CD we were listening to. "How ironic is this?" I thought, as the lyrics of the refrain were sung: "some trust in chariots, some trust in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." I knew I'd read that verse before, but didn't recall where it was. I researched it quickly and found it in Psalm 20, which declares in verses 7 and 8:

*"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm."*

I considered a flurry of corresponding scriptures that validate the precept that strength is not ultimately built upon wealth, power or status, but on our relationship with God instead. I was reminded that "to increase we must decrease", "the first shall be last and the last shall be first", and "the greatest is the servant of all". I've heard this referred to as "God's upside down kingdom". God's ways and the world's ways are polar opposites. You see, horses and chariots are fated to fall, but those who trust in our Father's faithfulness are destined to eternal reward.

So, I'm not going to bet on the horses. I'm going to trust in God.

### DE COLORES!

*Dave Hinman*



## BE (continued from page 1)

Jesus, I give You my life  
 And when others seek to find You  
 May I be the light that shines  
 Be here in my heart  
 Flow through my blood  
 Strengthen my soul and wash me clean  
 Lord, make me all that I can be  
 Lord, please make me all that I can be

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I thought that I had cried all the tears that I had those three days but there were more. This was God. He was letting me know that yes, He knows my heart and He didn't leave me standing on the road to Emmaus. He is and always will be with me on all my Fourth Days.

I have given several talks since my walk and used this song as well. I encourage you to read and consider the thoughts in these touching lyrics. What a faithful prayer. Let God make you ALL He wants you to BE. He will take you places and work through you in ways you never thought possible.

### DE COLORES!

*Robyn Hinman*

Sings  
 the  
 Rooster!

## WELCOME TO THE LADIES FROM WALK #94

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	Phone	E-mail
Koni Adams		Clarksville	OH	45113		
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Elizabeth Collie		Washington CH	OH	43160		
Katie Collins		Wilmington	OH	45177		
Cheryl Cox		Wilmington	OH	45177		
Tiffany Craycraft		Wilmington	OH	45177		
Lynne Francis		Hillsboro	OH	45133		
Amanda Gordley		Wilmington	OH	45177		
Kim Haines		Washington CH	OH	43160		
Abby Helterbrand		Hillsboro	OH	45133		
Beth Lambros		Cincinnati	OH	45245		
Kelli Martin		Wilmington	OH	45177		
Angela Nace		Hillsboro	OH	45133		
Kim Pelosi		Pleasant Plain	OH	45162		
Bobbie Reno		Hillsboro	OH	45133		
Sharon Scofield		Wilmington	OH	45177		
Kim Stone		Wilmington	OH	45177		
Kelly Swanson		Martinsville	OH	45146		
Judy Tobias		Port William	OH	45614		
Elizabeth Tomlinson		Wilmington	OH	45177		
Brenda Whitaker		Cincinnati	OH	45215		
Donna Williamson		Pleasant Plain	OH	45162		

↑ Cut out this list and add to your community directory! ↑



Have a  
happy and  
safe  
Independence  
Day!

Prayer was requested for these people at our June Gathering.

Those on the Autism Spectrum

Katie Lowell Aurigema  
Dave & Dinah Bond  
Paula Campbell & family  
Family of David Deck  
Joe Gibson  
Shirley Gilliam  
Family of Keith Gilmore  
Christy Mitchell  
Don Smedley  
Sugar Creek Baptist Church  
Mary Brown Turner  
Unspoken request  
Tony Williams  
Iris Wilkinson  
Lasley Wilkinson

PRAYER LIST

## Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus

Wilmington United Methodist Church  
PO Box 191  
Wilmington, OH 45177

We're on the web:  
[www.wilmingtonemmaus.org](http://www.wilmingtonemmaus.org)

See you at the GATHERING:  
JULY 14  
7:00pm  
Singing starts at 6:45pm  
Wear your nametag!  
Bring a snack to share!



### 4th DAY SPEAKERS

July Gathering: Robyn Morris  
August Gathering: Pam Adkins

### NEWS

Would you be interested in becoming the next Newsletter Editor? Contact John Glaze or Robyn Hinman for more information about this opportunity to serve our community!

Thinking about a guy you would like to sponsor on the September Men's Walk? How about a gal for the October Women's Walk? It's not too early to get the application in! Did you know that several years ago, it was not unusual for a woman to wait up to FOUR YEARS before getting her walk invitation? Men would wait one to one and a half years. And back then, a full walk was 42 pilgrims! My, how times have changed!

Fired up following your walk? Just like a piece of a campfire will quickly go out when separated from the main part of the fire, if you separate yourself from God's people, you will lose your "fire" too! Make that extra effort to attend Emmaus Gatherings! Find and join a share group—or start one! The members of the group need not have attended an Emmaus Walk! Attend church every chance you have!

### Devotion

*Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat...and came toward Jesus. But when he notice the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"*  
Matthew 14:29-30

It is cliché to speak of something that is "out of the box." Perhaps we should replace the metaphor with "out of the boat." That's what Peter did. He got out of the boat and walked across the water toward Jesus.

We long for out-of-the-boat thinking—to step out, to be freed of conventional expectations, and to take a risk, like Peter. We forget that doing so is inevitably met by a strong wind resisting us. Like Peter, we are not too far out of the boat before the wind frightens us and we begin to sink. It is as if the forces of nature conspire to keep us in the boat, but there is just no way to Jesus but to get out and take a chance.

The story about walking on the water is about faith taming the forces of nature. Faith is what compels Peter to get out of the boat in the first place. Faith is also what Peter relies on when he encounters nature's resistance. Faith is how Jesus stills the storm. The choice we face is almost always between fear and faith.

One is a matter of survival. One is a matter of life. Jesus calls us to come to life.

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