



The Windmill's Breeze



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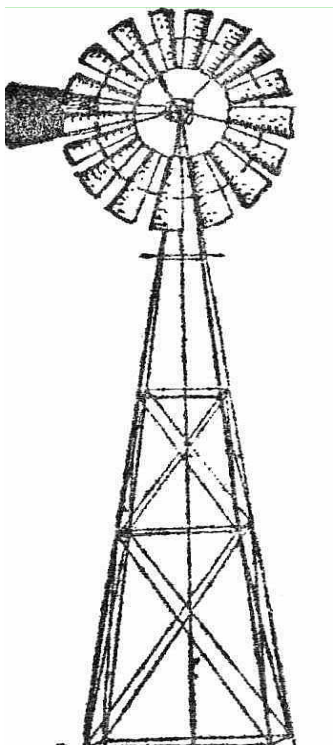
**Community
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Well, I usually am not at a loss for words, but this month I was, so I will write about what I shared at the Gathering at First Presbyterian Church in Beeville on Feb. 19, 2026. I spoke about how Emmaus is about relationships and how those relationships change over time. The first relationship we encounter is the pilgrim – sponsor relationship. A sponsor may see leadership potential in a pilgrim or they may simply want to encourage their pilgrim to grow deeper in their faith through the Emmaus Experience. This relationship is usually already well established and only grows stronger through the sponsorship and then blossoms into sharing the Emmaus Community Experience throughout both of their lifetimes.

Another type of relationship occurs when Emmaus Members serve together by working the same Walks whether they be Men's or Women's Walks or serving on the inside or outside team together. During a 72 hour Walk, the Thursday day of preparation, and attending/participating in all team meetings for a Walk, you will spend a lot of time together. You learn a lot about a person by sharing in all the weekend activities, such as Worship,
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The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. John 3:8



GATHERING SCHEDULE

Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Fellowship 6:30 P.M.

Worship 7:30 P.M.

Mar 19th – Karnes City
Karnes City Methodist Church

Apr 16th – Beeville
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

May 21st – Three Rivers
Three Rivers Methodist Church

Jun 18th – Pawnee
Pawnee Methodist Church

**Lee Ann
Barker**

**Community
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The God of Moses, our God, who led the Israelites, who parted the sea, who lead by cloud and fire—our God who provided His power and authority to David when he defeated Goliath—our God who set the rainbow in the sky—our God who sent His only Son to deliver us—to bring us salvation—His Son who defeated sin and death—who rose on Easter Morn—Our God who's power and authority even the wind and the rain listen to—Has given us that same power and authority through our acceptance of His Son and the Holy Spirit into our hearts and lives. In Luke 10 we read, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." We are called as Christians to be those laborers. We have raised our hand and said, "Here I Am!" With that comes His power and authority, but we have to accept it, to invoke it, and put it to use. Every time He moves us to go, to harvest, to plant, to share His gospel—we must accept the task and go in His power not on our own, completely under His authority. Our Walk to Emmaus "servant attitude" doesn't end on Sunday evening at Closing. Our "amped up" Walk with Christ doesn't end after we sing *DeColores* on the third Thursday of the month. No, it's just starting. It's being renewed,
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Communion, Meals, Listening to talks, and doing the reinforcement activities.

A third type of relationship occurs by serving on the Board, serving on the Team Selection Committee, serving on the Leadership Training Committee, and/ or serving in a leadership position on a specific Walk Team. Most of these committee appointments last for three years.

A fourth type of relationship in Emmaus is through the Reunion Group. This group grows stronger over time through shared experiences, prayers, and life experiences. These friendships are bonded with camaraderie, loyalty, commitment, and love. I happen to be writing this article on the eve of my dear friend, Marla Scott's, fifth year anniversary of her passing. I would like to share how these special friends in my reunion group, the Glory Bees, helped me and each other through this time of shared pain, loss, and grief. Marla passed at 9:45 p.m. on Feb. 21, 2021. I did not want that news to be the last thing people heard before they went to sleep that night. I called and told my two biological sisters that night, but I wanted to tell everyone else the next morning. I think I posted her passing on my Facebook page about 8:00 a.m., and by 10:00 a.m., my two sisters had driven in from the Austin area and ten of our twelve Glory Bee Sisters were sitting in my living room consoling me and each other. Of the two who were not there, one was out of state and one could not get out of work at the prison on such short notice. That is a true example of how bonded our Reunion Group had become. I will never forget that day or all the love that I felt and we shared.

All of these relationships are meant to be continuous and repeated. As Windmill Emmaus Members we must continue to sponsor more pilgrims each year to keep our Emmaus Community going strong. Our 2026 Men's Walk is scheduled for April 9 – 12, 2026. This date is only 47 days away from today. I would like to challenge every WEC Member to remember your Pilgrim Walk. Think about where you were in your walk with God and about how Emmaus helped you strengthen that walk. Then think of a person whom you would love to bless and let them know that you would like to bless them by serving as their sponsor. Note: Sponsorship does not mean that YOU HAVE TO pay their team fee. Just let them know that the \$250. team fee is paid by everyone and it covers their room and board for three days.

I am sure everyone has a grandfather, father, uncle, brother-in-law, cousin, son, nephew, friend, teammate, co-worker, etc., who they could sponsor. There is still room on Walk # 80 to get them signed up to go!!! Who would you like to sponsor this year? Let's strive together to make this a full walk with 36 pilgrims!

De Colores!

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Ruby Moreno

**Lay Director
Walk # 81**

Oct 1-4, 2026



Prayers are continuing for Walk #81. Team applications are being received. The deadline for Team applications will be March 19. Please be in prayer if you'd like to join the team. We will go to team selection March 29th. I ask that you pray for the pilgrims and team who will be attending Walk #80 and #81. As we usually know how things get right before a walk, I know everyone would appreciate prayers. Pray that love overpowers the chaos before and during the walk. We know God will have His hands all over the weekend, and we know His power will prevail through all the obstacles we will face, have faced, or will be facing.

My word for this month is "prayer." We must focus on prayer through it all and remember that He is in charge. Join in with me for daily prayers for the team God has placed and the Pilgrims who may be doubting or hesitant to go. Give them peace and comfort knowing that everything will work out according to His plan. I am truly humbled and honored to be lay director for Walk #81 and for this opportunity to serve the Lord.

DeColores!

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refueled, recharged, and fed by His Spirit in the presence of our fellow laborers. If you read through Luke 10, we are called to "Heal the sick and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" That is a lot to let sink in. You and I have the same power Moses was given to part the seas, the same authority that Paul used to cast the demon from the girl. Are you hearing what God is telling you? God is reminding us today through His power we need to be healing the sick in His name. We are not talking about just snotty noses and tummy aches. He is talking about more than just minor ailments. He is also talking about healing the leper and the spiritually ill—He is talking about casting out and healing the anxious, the depressed, and the possessed. He is talking about healing those sick from indulgence and obsession of things that bring on illness from addiction to food, drugs, and drink. Ya'll, He declares when His laborers, us, act for Him, His Kingdom has come near. His presence, the Holy Spirit, has been in that place and spilled over all those who were there. If you don't think He is still parting waters, healing the sick, casting out demons, and calling on His laborers to do His work—You aren't looking! Ask someone who attended this past Thursday's Emmaus Gathering! It wasn't the building. It wasn't a denomination. It wasn't the speakers, the food, or the music leaders—that was all the power and authority of our God moving through the faith and obedience of His laborers, all His Children. May we live today and every day lifting our voices, our hands, and our lives to call on His power to save and heal. May it be known to all the world when His children worship, praise, and act on His behalf, His Kingdom has come near. Go forth the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Let His Kingdom Come! Amen.

De Colores,

Lee Ann

Community Spiritual Director

Victor Gomez

**Lay Director
Walk # 80**

Apr 9-12, 2026



The Tip of the Spear: Living with Purpose and Preparation

In ancient warfare, the "tip of the spear" was the most critical point of contact. It was the first part of the weapon to engage the enemy, the thinnest edge of the advance, and the point where all the momentum of the shaft was concentrated. If the tip was dull, the entire strength of the warrior behind it was wasted.

This image serves as a powerful philosophical metaphor for how we approach our values, our integrity, and our daily battles. To stand for what is right, we must be both **prepared** *and* **pointed**. The foundation of spiritual and moral readiness is famously captured in the New Testament "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." — **Ephesians 6:11**

This verse isn't just about defense; **it's about a state of permanent readiness**. The "armor" represents our character—truth, justice, peace, and faith. Without this preparation, we are vulnerable to the "schemes" of the world: apathy, compromise, and fear. When we "put on the armor," we are essentially forging the spear. We are ensuring that when the moment of conflict arrives—whether it's a moral dilemma at work or a personal trial—we aren't scrambling to find our convictions. We are already standing in them.

To be the "tip of the spear" in your own life, you must balance three specific qualities: Precision of Purpose, A hardened edge and a willingness to take the lead.

A spear requires focus. To fight for what is right, you must ensure your purpose is aligned with actions and words that are supportive and constructive in nature. The spear is also weighted to help thrust its momentum, thereby augmenting the impact it has.

The tip of a spear is often heat-treated and sharpened to be harder than the rest of the weapon. Similarly, our resolve is hardened through discipline. Preparation isn't something that happens *during* the fight; it happens in the quiet moments of study, prayer, and self-reflection.

Finally, to be at the "tip" means being the first to move. It is the position of the leader and advocate. It is often the most dangerous place to be because you are the first to meet resistance. However, it is also the only part of the spear that can break through a barrier. Being "the Tip of the Spear" is not about seeking conflict; it is about being so well-prepared that you are a deterrent to injustice and a catalyst for good. When you combine the spiritual readiness of Ephesians 6:11 with the focused intent of a warrior, you become a force that doesn't just stand—it breaks through. The question now is: How do you maintain your edge so you don't become dull when the world needs you most?

De Colores

Victor Gomez

What to know about sponsoring a pilgrim...

SPONSORSHIP

Without sponsors, there will be no pilgrims! So thank you for taking on the responsibility to sponsor a pilgrim for a walk.

A sponsor should commit to recruiting strong church leaders in order to strengthen the local church, and hopefully to become leaders of our Emmaus Community.

Being a sponsor has a lot of responsibilities...the first is to spend **LOTS OF TIME IN PRAYER!** God has already revealed the name of the pilgrim **HE** has chosen for you to sponsor, and pray for that pilgrim before, during and after their Walk.

After you've talked to your prospective pilgrim, give them an application to complete.

LETTERS: Begin getting addresses for their agape letters.

Stay in touch with your pilgrim, and make sure they know you're there to support them. Remind them of the things they need to pack.

AGAPE: You as a sponsor should take your pilgrims favorite drink and some sort of food agape and/or other agape.

Day of the Walk: Pick up your pilgrim with plenty of time to take them to eat and then on to the Walk site and help them get settled in.

After the Lay Director calls the pilgrims together, you will soon go to the Chapel for sponsors hour. It's important that you attend this time of worship. It is there that you will pray with your pilgrims lanyard and hang it on the cross that will be presented to them at the end of their walk.

CANDLELIGHT: You are to attend the Candlelight Service on Saturday night. Bring any late letters you may get for your pilgrims. Here once again you may have the opportunity to pray with your pilgrims cross. Candlelight is one of the most moving events of the Walk.

CLOSING: You are to come to closing and your pilgrim's spouse is invited to come as well. We know how excited you are to hear **ALL** about it.

But remember your responsibilities do not end at the closing...it is your responsibility to get your new pilgrim to gatherings and try to help them find a reunion group.

Encourage them to make agape for future walks, or even sign up to work a team or help where ever needed.

Your final responsibility is to **TEACH THEM TO BE A GOOD SPONSOR**, by helping them understand the responsibilities of what a good sponsor does. The best way to do this is by example.

Windmill Emmaus Community

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Windmill Emmaus Financial Report

General Operating Fund \$ 46,748.53
Scholarship Fund \$ 5,815.50
Total Funds Available \$ 40,933.03
Gathering attendance 78

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