

# WALKING ON

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## GET OUT OF YOUR BOAT AND FOLLOW HIM By Jack Hull

This is my last article to you as the Community Lay Director of CIE. Yes, I get to return to the behind-the-scene team for walks. In fact, I have one more year to serve on the board, and then, with the new policy, I will not be eligible to be on the board again. But the opportunities for servanthood are endless. I can volunteer to serve in one of the 22 different components of our Emmaus community. I will pray about helping with Gatherings, accountability groups, food, background service teams, scheduling future walk dates, newsletters,

updating manuals, team service, agape, outreach, nominations for future board members and look for many more chances to JUST serve! You can do the same and we need you to do so. We start each weekend with a talk about priorities. Would you get out your old notebooks and reread what you heard in this talk? Because if you really heard the words from God, you would be coming to weekend events, supporting the movement, sponsoring pilgrims, or volunteering to serve on the Board or on a committee. In a nutshell, God's



grace is free. We receive it even though we do not deserve it. Our response to accepting God's grace is our good works; our "passing it on" to affect lives, and "make disciples of all!"

The move to a new location in Springfield has caused many uncomfortable moments, because we do not know what to do. I have heard the words of the pil-

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## GOD'S TYPE OF LOVE By Nadine Preston

One of the questions I am asked frequently on any walk is, "How many times have you done this?" My answer is always the same, "I have lost track." That is the truth.



Since my first team service on Walk #86, I have served many times on Emmaus, Chrysalis and Cursillo teams. One thing that is true is that each one is a unique and special event in my life as well as the lives of the pilgrims. Perhaps the most important aspect of each walk is the difficulty encountered by some pilgrims to embrace the idea that they are loved by God.

What makes it so difficult to conceive and believe such a basic fact

of our faith? I think that part of the problem is our human conception of love. We humans find it difficult to love unconditionally. We receive the message from others that we will be loved only if, or when, certain conditions are met. With that as our basis for love, it is no wonder that the idea of a God who loves us in an entirely different way is hard to understand.

God's way of loving is best described by an interview with a couple who were celebrating

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