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**... Strengthening the Local Church**

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We've just experienced two God-filled, God-exalting, God-revealing Walks in our Sonrise Emmaus Community. If you missed any part of it, you lost out on a blessing. If you served in any capacity, you saw God at work and felt His Presence.

It was a strong and mighty Jesus Who lifted up men on Men's Walk #68. There was an entire table of "gentle giants" and Jesus sat at their table. He spoke with them, touched them, and drew them closer to Himself. You heard one of them singing during Communion and the Women's Candlelight. There were men on that Walk who accepted Christ as their Savior years ago, but needed to touch Him, or needed some direction from Him, or a little encouragement from Him. Jesus sat at each of their tables, hugging, directing, encouraging, and loving them. You heard these men speak at Closing, telling us how they had come to Emmaus in need, and that a loving God Who had sent His Holy Spirit on the Walk, too, had met that need. And you heard sponsors' sobs as those men spoke because prayers had been answered. You saw a giant stand in the middle of the sanctuary with open hands raised to God in praise and heard him shout at the top of his voice, "HALLELUJAH!". God, in His power and glory was moving! His Spirit washed over the entire sanctuary and everyone there felt Him move.

It was a gentle, healing Jesus Who lifted up women on Women's Walk #69. He sat at their tables and sang with them, laughed, and wept with them. At an humbling and heart-breaking Dying Moments, He wiped tears, gave hugs, and took upon Himself burdens that had become too heavy for His sisters to carry.

During prayers for physical healing, God's Holy Spirit moved and bodies were healed. "Awesome" is an over-used word which won't fit here. Healing is a God-sized event that "awesome" can't touch. "Words can't express" works best. God didn't heal just during team meetings, He kept going and healed during the Walk, too – words can't express....

At the Women's Closing, you heard shouts of "praise Jesus", and saw hands lifted in praise and tears streaming down grateful cheeks. The women told us, "He fixed this", "He's still working here," "He took that away." These women are ready for anything the devil can throw down. They're armed and dangerous. They each one know their Abba is King and they are a princess!

HALLELUJAH!!!

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