



## IN STEP WITH OUR LORD

**Mona:** I'm so glad you convinced me to come to this (*retreat, rally, etc*), Barb. It's great to get away from the kids, relax and, yet, learn something. Thanks for "bugging" me.

**Barb:** You're welcome, Mona...and you'll find you're also very welcome here among all these Christian ladies.

**Mona:** Your life is so busy with all the things you do for everybody, the community, our church, the LWML. How do you manage to find time to come here?

**Barb:** Oh, I took the first BIG (*stretches out hands*) step a long time ago. Now I just "waltz through life." (*Does a few waltz steps in a circle*)

**Mona:** Hey, I know you. There's some meaning behind what you've just said. So? What is it?

**Barb:** We all know that everyone has something they like to do... right? (*Mona nods yes.*) Something that's part of their life. We call it their talent. Well, no matter how insignificant that talent might be, it somehow involves our feet. Feet are the "working part" (*raises two fingers on each hand to signify quotes*) of every talent. Ten years ago, my only talents were taking care of the kids, the house and walking two miles at 6:00 every morning. (*Pause*)

We know the Lord wants us to use our talents to draw others closer to Him, and by providing a Christian home, I felt I *was* using that talent wisely. But my walking habit seemed selfish...it was only for MY benefit.

**Mona:** (*does a quick waltz step and jokingly says...*) So you started waltzing instead of walking?

**Barb:** Well, sort of. To waltz you take a first big step. To walk with our Lord, He leads and we follow. Jesus calls us to do it! Agree?

**Mona:** Yes.

**Barb:** I pray a lot while walking. One day I prayed that if my daily exercise could in some way be useful, He should guide me and help me understand His will. Then Lucy and her family moved next door, and when I realized they had no religious connections, I felt I had to speak up. Didn't know how, but I felt I must do it. That was the first big step. My second step turned out to be a small one—the planning. While walking the very next morning, my brain jumped into "over-drive."

**Mona:** So what did you do?

**Barb:** I asked Lucy to walk with me every morning. She was delighted. As we got to know each other, I found it easy to work out the third step. I began telling her about our church activities and eventually invited her to Christmas Eve services. She asked questions and I answered them. Our friendship grew even beyond my expectations.

**Mona:** What do you mean “beyond expectations?” I know the family joined our church a couple of years ago, but that’s what you had hoped might happen.

**Barb:** It went further than that. She began to ask so many questions about religion, she made *me* look deeper into the Bible. Eventually, we agreed to read a chapter of the Bible every night and discuss it the next morning while walking. And you know what? We still do that today. Guess you could call us the EMMAUS WALKERS.

**Mona:** That’s neat!

**Barb:** Since that first step, I’ve used the waltz step to guide through many projects to share my Savior. There’s so much to do. I just waltz through life (Begins to waltz saying…) Big step, little step, little step. Decide. Plan. Do --. Decide, Plan, Do --- Decide, Plan. Do.

**Mona:** I don’t know, Barb, It sounds too simple. And I *do* the simple things for my Lord...witness when I have a chance, gather for world relief, live a Christian life. But I don’t think I could do Evangelism like you do, or lead a Bible class, or...

**Barb:** Whoa, whoa, Mona! You’re letting fear conquer you. Remember the old Abbott and Costello movies and how Lou Costello reacted when afraid? He couldn’t say a word, his feet were paralyzed and wouldn’t move. That’s what fear does to Christians, too. We can’t speak — we can’t move. Yet, actually, we have nothing to fear. Our Lord has freed our bodies and our mouths to live and speak fearlessly of His love. That’s what this (retreat, rally, etc.) is all about, releasing our fears so we can better serve our Lord. Just remember Luke 22, verse 32 which reminds us *when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

**Mona:** One more question, Barb, should I be wearing walking shoes, work shoes or dance shoes?

*(They start to exit)*

**Barb:** Any are fine...just don’t refer to them as loafers.

*(Exit mumbling and laughing to themselves)*

**Barb:** You know it’s nice to have a partner when you waltz.