

# “What it Means to Walk with God”

## Gen. :1-10

### Open: Story

- God’s original intention for man was...
  - For man to have perfect fellowship with God. **Gen. 7-8**
  - For man to have full rewards from God, because of his obedience. **Gen. 2:15-16**
  - For man to live forever in the perfect place created by God. **Gen. 1:31**
    - No need of rain. **Gen. 2:5-6**
    - Things grew at the perfect rate. **Gen. 2:9**
    - All the natural resources available. **Gen. 2:10-14**
    - All provisions meet. **Gen. 2:15-18**
- God’s original plan was ruined when man sinned. **Gen. 3:6-7**
  - The relationship between God and man was broken because of sin. **Gen. 3:8-9**
  - The blessings of God were interrupted because of mans disobedience. **Gen. 3:16-19**
  - Man could no longer live in the perfect place God created for him. **Gen. 3:23-24**
- Even though man could not get all of what God originally wanted for him; God made still made it possible for man to have access to God’s blessings.
  - God, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, again gave man direct access to the things that He originally intended for man to have.
  - We can walk with God as much as we desire. – The only one that limits how close I get to God, is me.
  - We can be blessed by God to the extent we are willing to do what he says. – God’s blessings in my life are only limited by my actions.
  - We can live in the perfect place God has created for our lives if we will let him lead us. – I can live in the center of God’s will and experience the full blessings of the Christian life if I obey.

### Tran: A Command to walk with God.

- **Micah 6:8** “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”
- **I John 2:6** “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”
- **Heb. 10:22-23a** “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. [23] Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;”

➤ “Walking with God is the avenue by which my life becomes fuller than I could have ever imagined. Not only because I spend time with God; but because I get a glimpse of the heart of God and learn not just what he wants for my life, but why he wants me to do what he has commanded me to do.”

## I. I am to walk where He tells me to walk.

- God sees life from above and knows what pitfalls lie ahead; I must trust His guidance. I need to realize that God wants what is best for my life.
- A. He tells me to avoid walking on paths that will lead to pain and destruction in my life. **Prov. 2:12-22**
1. **vs. 12-13** – Warns me that the carnal man’s path will lead to stumbling because the path is filled with darkness.
  2. **vs. 14-17** – Describes the actions of those people I should avoid.
    - a. Leave right (light and obedience) to walk in darkness (sin and wrong). **vs. 14**
    - b. Paths are crooked (dangerous roads) and froward (not easily navigated). **vs. 15**
    - c. Full of people who will lie to get what they want from you. **vs. 16-17**

3. **vs. 18-19, 22** – Shows us the outcome of ALL who travel on the path that leads to destruction.
  - a. Death – to dreams, goals, and reaching your full potential. **vs. 18**
  - b. Those who walk on this path have no access to the blessings of God. **vs. 19**
  - c. Those who choose to walk on this path will perish empty. **vs. 22**
- B. He tells me to avoid walking with people who will influence me to walk in places that will bring pain and destruction to my life. **Ps. 1:1** *“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”*
  1. “You show me who your friends are, and I will show you what you will become and which direction you will travel.”
  2. “If you go to bed with a dog, you will rise with fleas.”
  3. Once you begin to spend time with people who are doing wrong, it will only be a matter of time before you begin to change
- C. He tells me that I am to walk in the light of truth.
  1. We should not live our lives following what man says or thinks is best.
    - a. **John 8:12** *“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”*
    - b. **Eph. 4:14** *“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;”*
  2. Because we are saved, we should be walking in the new life that is made available to us.
    - a. **Rom. 6:4** *“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”*
    - b. **Eph. 4:22-23** *“... put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; [23] And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;”*

## II. I am to walk when He tells me to walk.

- A. I cannot walk ahead of God.
  1. Children in the wilderness were stay put until the pillar of cloud/fire moved.
 

**Ex. 13:21-22** *“ And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: 22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.”*
  2. The Church was commanded to stay until the Holy Spirit moved. **Acts 1:4** *“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.”*
  3. Sometimes God asks us to just be still and wait on His timing. **Ps. 46:10** *“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.”*

B. I am to walk side by side with God.

1. Sometimes walking with God means a long duration in the wilderness. **Deu. 2:7** “*For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.*”
2. Sometimes walking with God means time spent walking through dark places. **Job 29:3** “*When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;*”
3. Sometimes walking with God means traveling through times of difficulty. **Ps. 23:4** “*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*”
  - Regardless of where a walk with God leads us, we have the comfort and security of knowing that not only are we with God; but we are in God’s protection and watch care. **Is. 43:2** “*When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*”

### **III. I am to walk how He tells me to walk.**

- A. In Faith – **II Cor. 5:7** “*(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*”
- B. In Love – **Eph. 5:2** “*And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.*”
- C. In The Holy Spirit – **Gal. 5:16-17** “*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. [17] For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*”

**Close:**

- A walk with God means...
  - I have spent time reading God’s Word so in know what I am supposed to do.
  - I have spent time praying, so I can receive the strength to do what I am supposed to do.
  - I have spent time doing what I have been told I am to do.
- People’s walk with God grows stale because they spend all their time reading God’s Word and praying; but never doing what they know they are to be doing.
- People grow insensitive to what God wants for their life because they spend their time walking with worldly things rather than spending time learning what God wants them to do.

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