

“Words of Truth”

Ecc. 12:10

“The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.”

All scriptures are taken from the KJV.



Just Keep on Walking

I want to draw your attention to two great men of God this morning:

1. Enoch walked with God!

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They just kept walking.

In Psalms 119:101-105 David said, “I have **refrained my feet** from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. (102) I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. (103) How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

(104) Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. (105) NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my **feet**, and a light unto my path.”

- David is saying that he lived righteously in the world.
- David also tells us how he did it.
- David kept his feet from every evil way. He kept the Word of God, that he had been taught, and he loved the Word of God.

David loved the Word of God because through it he received God’s knowledge, wisdom, understanding and enlightenment.

Through the Word of God he was able to tell the true from the false. Because of his desire to keep God’s Word he stuck closely to God’s precepts, or principles. This was how he was able to keep his feet from every evil way because the Word of God was a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his path.

When you’re **walking**, a lamp is very useful indeed. It illuminates all the areas where you might stumble or fall, all the places you might hurt yourself, so you can avoid them. Not only does this mean you can **walk** without fear or worry, it also allows you to tread more

surely, with greater confidence, and to travel faster. You are not stumbling about trying to feel or discover where the obstacles are, or where the path is leading.

Our relationship with God has always been defined as a WALK:

Paul said in Ephesians 5:8, “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: **walk as children of light:**”

Paul wrote in Colossians 1:10, “That ye might **walk wor-**

thy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;”

Paul also wrote in Romans 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.**”

Paul told us in Romans 8:1, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who **walk not after the flesh**, but ((**walk**)) **after the Spirit.**”

Again Paul gives us wonderful instructions in Galatians 5:16, “This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”

From the time we begin our relationship with God, we are told to **walk**, not to sit still. We should be continually moving and progressing in the Spirit of God.

Isaiah the Prophet told us in Isaiah 40:31, “But they that **wait upon the LORD** shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall **walk**,

and not faint.”

Sometimes we are soaring on eagle’s wings. Sometimes we are running. Much of the time we are **walking**, and if we wait on the Lord, we can keep on going, keep on **walking**, keep on enduring. We shall **walk** and not faint.

“**Wait upon the LORD**” does not mean to sit and do nothing. Wait is the root word in “waiter” and “waitress”. These are people who serve us each time we go to a restaurant to eat. REMEMBER, another way to say, “**Wait upon the LORD**”, is to say **SERVE** the

LORD.

When Moses lead Israel out of Egypt they came to the Red Sea. The army of Pharaoh was close behind them, and they began to abuse Moses.

The people asked Moses in Ex. 14:11, "... Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness?". Moses told them to stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. He then cried out to God, and this is what God said in Exodus 14:15, "And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they **go forward**:"

When Joshua was about to lead Israel into the promised land, the priests went before them carrying the Ark of the Covenant.

The Jordan river stood between them and the promised land.

This is what God told them in Joshua 3:12-13, "Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. 13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall

stand upon an heap.”

Even though there was a barrier between them and the promised land, they had to **keep walking** as if it were not there. Notice that God promised to divide the Jordan river when their feet touched water, not before. They couldn't stop at the bank, as so many of us do, and wait for the waters to divide before taking that step. They had to take that step of faith when there was nothing to show (*except God's Word*) that the waters actually would divide.

In Genesis 13, God gave Abraham some great promises:

God spoke to Abraham in Genesis 13:14-18 and said, “And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: 15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. 17 Arise, **walk through the land** in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. 18 Then Abram

removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.”

This was a great promise from God to Abraham for possessing the land. But notice what Abraham had to do first. He had to “**walk through the land** in the length of it and in the breadth of it”. It was where he **walked** that he would possess the land. If Abraham had not **walked** through the land he would not have possessed the land.

God told Abraham, I will give you all the land you can see,

but in order for you to possess it, **you must walk through it.**” The only thing that would have prevented Abraham from seeing the promise was if he quit **walking**. As long as he **walked**, he gained new territory. There isn’t anything the enemy of our soul can do to take the promises of God from us, but if he can get us to quit **walking**, then he has stopped us from possessing those promises.

If we fly over a place on the wings of an eagle, do we really possess it? If we run through the land as fast as we can, have we experienced all that land has to of-

fer? It is only by **walking** through a place that we really get to experience it. Only then do we have the time to see and hear and feel. It can be hard work to keep on **walking**, but it is through this hardship that we get to possess the promises of God, **but WE MUST KEEP WALKING.**

Perhaps the best known Psalm is the 23rd Psalm:

In Psalms 23:4 David said, “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.”

I may be in the valley of the shadow of death, but I am not going to stay here. I am here, in the valley of the shadow of death, at the moment, but I am just passing through. If I keep on **walking**, then eventually I will get to the other side.

David said in Psalms 138:7, “Though I **walk** in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.”

You might find yourself

saying, “God, I’m in trouble. My enemies are all around me, **but I’am still walking**. And because I am still **walking** I know that You will revive me.

Job knew what this ment in Job 23:11 when he said, “My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.”

You might continue saying, “I don’t understand what You are doing God, and I don’t know where You’re taking me, but I am going to keep **walking** in Your steps. I am going to stay in the way that You have shown me. If I keep on **walking** I know that I will come out on the other side and You

will be with me all the way.”

Sometimes I **walk** through the fire, sometimes through the valley of the shadow of death, sometimes though the desert, sometimes through green and pleasant places, sometimes beside the still waters, but no matter where Your paths lead, I am going to **keep walking**.

If we keep **walking**, we will never **walk** alone. He will always be with us. Consider the three Hebrew boys in Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They refused to bow down to the image of gold that Nebuchadnezzar had made, so they were thrown into the furnace:

Daniel gave us a great picture of walking by faith in Daniel 3:23-25 when he wrote, “And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, **walking** in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”

First, the fire that looked like it would destroy them in fact burnt off the ropes that had them bound. The trial released them to be able to **walk**, and there they were, **walking** in the fire. Notice they were still in the fire. They hadn't been taken out of the trial, but two things had happened. First, God enabled them to **walk**. He didn't leave them cast down, but rather empowered them to **walk**. And second, He was right there with them, in the midst of the fire.

If we will just continue to **walk with God**, regardless of the trial we are facing, then He will do the same two things for us.

1. He will empower us to be able to continue.

2. He will be with us through the trial.

Our Christian **walk** is likened to a race in Hebrews 12:1-2 where it says, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and **let us run** with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;...”

This race that we are in is not the same as a physical race. It is not the fastest runner that wins.

Solomon said, “that the race is not to the swift”. Jesus said that the race is going to be won by those who “run with patience the race that is set before us”. The ones who ignore the distractions and aches, and opportunities to quit, and just keep on running and **walking** are the TRUE winners.

It is not whether I am a spiritual giant, or whether I can make it through life without ever making a mistake. What matters is that I just **keep walking**. It is not

how many times I fall down, it is whether I get back up again and keep on **walking**.

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Enoch had such a relationship with God that he didn't die. He was translated into the presence of God.


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Noah had such a relationship with God that he found grace in the eyes of the Lord, and he and his whole family were saved from the flood. They were the only people that survived out of the whole world.

What was it that Enoch and Noah did that was so important that the Bible mentions it in each case ?

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It's so simple that you and I could do it!

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walked
with
God !!!



**They just kept
on walking.**

Why don't you & I
decide today to ...

**Keep On Walking
With God**

... for the rest of our lives
on this earth.

**Preacher/Teacher
Odell "Buddy" Weeks**

May We Serve You?

Please feel free to contact me should your Church need a Preacher / Teacher to fill the pulpit for a special occasion. It would be an honour for me to serve you should your Pastor be sick or need a vacation. I would also consider serving as your interim Pastor while you search for a new Pastor.

My wife, Dinah Bevis Weeks, and I have been in service for the Lord for over 44 years. It is our prayer to continue serving HIM in some capacity as long as we are able.

My health prevents me from serving in a full time capacity as a Pastor but I would be honoured to serve your Church in any way I am able.

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"Words of Truth"

Charity

I Cor. 13:8

"Charity never faileth ..."

Grace & Truth

*Jn. 1:17 "... grace & truth
came by Jesus Christ."*