

Walk This Way - Part 8

Walk With God

We are in a series on how God wants us to walk. Today we are going to focus on how to walk with God.

Read: Genesis 5:34; Hebrews 11:5

A great example of walking with God comes from the biblical story of Enoch. Apparently, Enoch and God were so close that God just took him from the earth to be with himself. Walking with God is a personal, intimate journey that can be broken down into three main phases that build on one another.

Three main phases of walking with God:

1. Provision Phase (Blessing Phase)

In the first phase after salvation, all you can concentrate on is the blessing. You can't believe how good God is!

- He forgives all of your sins (Colossians 2:13)
- He makes you brand new (Romans 5:17)
- He empowers you to live in victory (Philippians 4:13)

The foundation of our Christian life has been and always will be what God has done for us. This phase does not end, but we build upon it with phase two and three.

Reflect: Reflect back on when you first accepted Christ as your savior. What do you remember feeling in the initial months after salvation? If time allows, quickly summarize your testimony.

2. Purpose Phase

God wants to use us for His purpose. In Genesis 12:2-3 God blesses Abram and tells him his purpose is to be a blessing to others. The Holy Spirit lives inside of you not so that you will have a great life, but that you would fulfill His purpose. God wants us to serve, share, and give with what we have and you can do these things right where you are! You have incredible gifts and talents! Our walk with God is unapologetically receiving His blessing and discovering our purpose.

Reflect: What gifts and talents do you have? If you are unsure, sign up for Growth Track part 2 this Sunday where you will take a gifts assessment.

3. Pleasing God Phase

The last phase of walking with God is making it your goal to please Him. You please God when you receive His blessing and when you discover your purpose, but the focus of your life should be to glorify Him. This phase involves every area of your life: family, health, career, spiritual life, etc. It takes a shift of focus to glorify God in every aspect. To do this, we must take our eyes off of ourselves and place our sights on Him.

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:9; Ephesians 5:8,10; 1 Thessalonians 4:1

Reflect: Finish the sentence, "It is my goal in life to _____." What practical ways can you shift your goal to please God?

Summary

The three phases of a Christian's walk with God are provision, purpose, and pleasing God. Your testimony, gifts, and goal in life develop out of an intimate walk with God.

Prayer

Make time to pray for one another before you dismiss your group.