



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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WALK WITH GOD

In God's word we read of a man who is noted for his "walking with God." The scriptures state: "Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters" (**Genesis 5:21-22**). How marvelous it is when children are born and their entrance causes parents to give serious thought to the course of their conduct. The marvels of the birth of a new baby and the new felt responsibility of teaching and training has often led a mother and father in a new direction.

Seemingly, the birthday of Enoch's first child was also the beginning of a wonderful relationship and fellowship with God. This writer on one occasion remembers his father speaking of changes that came into his life when his first son was born. No thoughtful parent should ever want to lead little feet astray. The best insurance to avoid doing so is to begin walking with God day by day, if they have not already done so.

How tragic it is that some parents do not realize the importance of walking with God until their children are teenagers or older and by then often great damage has been done which is extremely difficult to correct. If you are a new parent, give thanks to God that you are able to live a lifetime example before your precious child.

Some begin their walk with God when some tragedy comes to strike terror to their hearts and causes them to think on their ways. Preachers, elders, and members could cite instances of a believer who became busy with the cares of the world or preoccupies with its pleasures until an accident or serious illness, or even death itself brought them face to face with the fact that they have been following afar off. May none neglect the soul bringing about spiritual malfunction which causes them to cave in when trouble comes.

It has been stated: It is better to walk in the dark with God, Than walk alone in the light, It is better to walk with Him by faith. Than to walk alone by sight.

To any reader who may be tired of walking in the way of sin, the way of rebellion, the way of bitterness, the way of weakness and failure, please be encouraged to begin your walk with the Lord. Put your hand in the nail-scarred hand and begin your walk with God. When the day comes for you to walk through the curtain that men call death the decision to walk with God will be your greatest decision ever.

Jerry Jenkins

WE MUST GO FORTH IN FAITH

“So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him...” (Genesis 12:4).

When it comes to faith, Abram (later known as Abraham) is the standard to which we strive. He is known as *“the believer” (Galatians 3:9)*. His faith persuaded him to have relations with his wife Sarah when the two of them were long after their childbearing years. His faith later compelled him to be willing to sacrifice his only son who came from this miraculous conception.

In verse 1 before the text, the Lord said to Abram, *“Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you.”*

The Lord was asking Abram to make a step into the unknown. He was challenging him to let go of the familiar and comfortable and to go to an unknown place for no other reason than that God said so. Abram went.

Who knows but there might have been others whom God challenged by a command of faith whom we will never know of because they did not obey. They stayed. But, Abram went.

There comes moments when the faith of each one is going to be challenged in a similar way. It will be a command to journey into an unknown land where we otherwise would not travel. It might be the unknown land of sacrifice for God’s cause or the unknown land of forgiveness and turning the other cheek or cheerfully enduring injustice as Jesus did. It might be the unknown land of courageously standing under trial where everyone else is crushed and gives up.

“Abram went forth” suggests a turning point, a point of decision. It was where Abram made the choice to venture into a land of dependence upon God. It was not a land he had peered into nor had he sent spies to survey. It was a land where his only confidence was the promises of God, his only guide was the star of God’s grace and love, and his only sustenance was the word of God.

How many times have we not recognized God’s command to us to “go forth?” How many times have we deprived ourselves of a mountain-top journey because we could not see where our journey ended? We each want that, that reassurance that things will be as we want them in this life. But, in the truly spiritual journey, there are no such reassurances. Eventually, each one of us will have to walk blindly, only because God has asked us to “go forth.”

“Thank you God for our challenges of faith.”

Floyd Kaiser