



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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ONE AT A TIME

The story is told of a businessman who was overworked and decided to take some time off. While vacationing on the coast, a terrible storm came. When it died down, he decided to take a walk down the coast to see what damage had been done. As he walked along the shore, he noticed thousands of starfish, which had washed upon the shore. He knew that in a few hours the sun would come out and the starfish would dry out and die. As he thought about the starfish, he noticed a young boy who was throwing the starfish back one by one. The man was amazed by the youth's diligence and shocked by his feeble attempts to make a difference. When he caught up with the young man, he informed the boy that he could not possibly save them all. As he looked up the long beach, he saw thousands of starfish and said to the little boy, "You'll never be able to make a real difference to the starfish population." The boy bent down, picked up a starfish, looked at it, and then threw it back into the safety of the water. Then he said, "I sure made a difference to that one."

We cannot personally make a difference in the lives of everyone that fills this world; we can make a difference to a few of them. It is interesting that when Jesus spoke of those on His right hand on the Day of Judgment, He described them as having made a difference in the life of one person. He said, "*Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me*" (**Matthew 25:40**). I sincerely believe that each of us can make a difference in the life of someone. That is how Jesus worked – one at a time. Sure, He preached to thousands, but He visited with families, and helped individuals.

Wade Webster

WALKING WITH GOD

By Robert Dobson

Walking with God makes life so much more bearable. You always have someone to talk to. Someone is always there for you. So many times we don't know what to do or how we are going to do it. With God we don't have to worry about these things.

It is amazing as you look back how God works in your life. His ways are not our ways. Turning your life over to Him is a matter of faith. Each step we take in faith leads us closer to God and His will for our lives. If you will give Him the chance, what He may do with you may surprise you.

Remember Joseph. How could he have ever imagined what God had in store for him? It would have been easy for him to give up on God many times. Yet, He kept walking with God wherever it led him. In the end God's purpose for him was revealed. Joseph became a savior of Israel (**Genesis 45:5**)!

Too many of us allow the world to determine our course in life. We have never learned to walk with God. First, we must believe in Him. Our God is real and really interested in us. Second, we must listen to Him. The word of God will always lead in the path we should go. Without following His word we will always get off course. Third, we must stay in touch with God thru prayer. Daily communion with the Lord is vital to a successful walk in this world. We deprive ourselves of so many blessings and often fail because we are out of touch with Him.

As children grow older they strike out on their own. They do not seek the counsel of their parents. They get away from them. As a result they learn many lessons the hard way. Sometimes the trouble they get into is devastating. All of this could have been avoided had they looked to mom and dad.

God is like a parent to us. He loves us and truly does care. Learn to believe in Him, listen to Him and talk with Him. Good things are in store for you.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son ask for bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!” (**Matthew 7:7-11**).