

WALKING WITH GOD BRINGS BLESSINGS NOW AND FOREVER

Note to the speaker:

Help the audience to understand that walking with God is a way of life. Build appreciation for the privilege we have to do so

WE NEED GUIDANCE IN LIFE'S JOURNEY (4 min.)

What parent would let a toddler take his first steps alone?

A loving parent walks alongside his little child, providing guidance in appropriate measure as the child matures

The Bible often uses the metaphor of walking to describe our journey through life (1Ki 22:43; Ec 12:5)

Our heavenly Father knows that we are not toddlers; he grants us considerable freedom (2Co 3:17)

Yet, he knows that regardless of our age, we are in desperate need of guidance [**Read Jeremiah 10:23**]

Walking in these "critical times hard to deal with" can be a struggle (2Ti 3:1)

We do not have to walk alone; we can walk with God

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WALK WITH GOD? (6 min.)

Bible examples teach us what it means to walk with God

Enoch and Noah walked with the true God (Ge 5:24; 6:9)

Faithful men and women walked with God in that they trusted in him, relied on him for guidance, and obeyed him

Walking with God put them at odds with the majority in their day, but it was worth it (*w01* 9/15 29-31)

God has not changed; he invites us to walk with him today (Mal 3:6)

The Bible foretold that many would seek to walk in God's way [**Read Micah 4:1, 2**]

However, such ones are not in the majority; theirs is not "the popular course" (Jer 8:6)

Micah 4:5 explains why [**Read**]

To walk in God's name is to carry out his will and to live our lives in harmony with all that God's name stands for

HOW CAN YOU WALK WITH GOD? (9 min.)

We walk with God by listening to his voice and letting it direct our steps

Principles in God's Word should guide us in all things (Ps 119:105)

"Walking in the truth" should become a way of life for us (3Jo 3)

[Relate experience of a person changed by Bible truths. For examples, see the series "The Bible Changes Lives," beginning with the August 1, 2008, issue of *The Watchtower*]

Follow in Christ's footsteps (1Pe 2:21; *w86* 12/1 17-18)

Jesus set the perfect example of walking with God (*w02* 8/15 10-14)

Walk with others who walk with God (Mic 4:2)

It is worth all our efforts to attend Christian meetings (*yb99* 253-254; *yb90* 244-245; *yb89* 210-211)

In making decisions, we do well to think about what Jesus would do (1Co 2:16; *w00* 2/15 10-11 pars. 2-4)

WHAT BLESSINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WALK WITH GOD? (8 min.)

"Walking as children of light" is a great blessing (Eph 5:8)

The guidance we receive protects us from the pitfalls of immorality (*w00* 7/15 28-31)

Those who walk in this world's darkness stumble (Isa 59:8-12)

World's moral darkness destroys families; immorality often leads to feelings of guilt, worthlessness, and anxiety

We are enlightened as to the meaning of world events

Most are in darkness as to why these times are so terrible and why so many people suffer

Having the light of truth on such subjects enables us to walk in hope and joy

Holy spirit can fortify us to keep walking with God in the face of all obstacles (Php 4:13)

Walking with God strengthens our friendship, or our intimacy, with him

With such a Friend, why fear what man might do to us? (Ps 118:6)

If we should stumble, God will raise us up if we look to him (Ps 145:14)

Jehovah is not quick to give up on those who sin; he forgives repentant ones "in a large way" (Isa 55:7; Pr 24:16)

Having a clean conscience makes us happier in life's walk

A WALK THAT CAN LAST FOREVER (3 min.)

Life is a gift; even a short walk in this life is a blessing

Yet, God's Word contains inspired laments over the shortness of man's walk through life (Job 14:1; Ps 90:10)

Jehovah wants us to walk with him forever (Joh 3:36)

Those who refuse to walk in Christ's footsteps will have a short walk

Those who walk with God will walk forever!

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pp. 52-55, 166-169]

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