## Walking as Jesus Did

I. How you came to Jesus

Prayed in Faith and say "yes" to Him and receive His gift

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, Colossians 2:6 If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

A. We walk by faith, not by sight | Corinthians 5:7

Those good works He has for us are more real than what we see or hear in the natural

Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. James 4:8, MSG Faith comes from hearing and hearing from the word of God For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory. 2 Corinthians 1:20, NLT All His promises are already "yes", all we have to do is agree. How do you know if it Him talking? It's a relationship and not a religion. Example – (just love me)

B. How does it work?
Example:
Doing the Wall in the foyer - I prayed and asked for help and He answered Actively wait for Jesus to answer you

I started working and He answered me with the help I needed both days

C. Jesus only said what He heard the Father say and ... only did what He saw the Father do.

Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. John 5:19

- II. Walking on your own will kill you
  - A. Example:

Doing the basement on my own... It about killed me Trying to walk with Jesus on your own or in your own power - will kill you Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:19-26

Godly
Love
Selflessness
put on a heart of compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness and patience;
bearing with one another, and forgiving each
other, whoever has a complaint against
anyone; just as the Lord forgave you
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gentleness and self-control.
Going from Bottom-up $\rightarrow$ Works - on your own

- III. Love God and love others ...
  - A. Love God

## 1. It's a relationship

And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

Going from top down  $\rightarrow$  Faith - Holy Spirit help

## 2. It's not a religion (works)

Example: I tried to do all the right things, but couldn't  $\rightarrow$  Just love me  $\rightarrow$  Put me first always

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

Road sign example

You get closer and become more like what you fix your eyes on.

For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:3 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; Hebrews 12:4

B. Love Others

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. Hebrew 10:23-25

Read from Jimmie Bratcher's book - I recommend it and John's book "Don't take your Dreams to the Grave" Pages 28-29 Pages 178-179

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Colossians 3:12-13

What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. James 2:14-24

This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good & profitable for men. Titus 3:8

Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful. Titus 3:14

Paul says this twice in the same chapter

For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:3 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. Hebrews 12:11

"I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?" Hebrews 13:6

Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. & do not neglect doing good & sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:15-16

- C. Love your Families
  - 1. Wife & Children

Marriage Example: Marriage (just love her) I tried to do everything right, but couldn't  $\rightarrow$  Just love her  $\rightarrow$  put her before you always. Let love of the brethren continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:1-2 (This includes your wife & Children) Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14 - (especially your wife and Children)

Marriage is to be held in honor among all, Hebrews 13:4a Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. Proverbs 31:31

**for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace**, Hebrews 13:9b (extend grace to your wife & children always)

- D. Conclusion
  - 1. Offer salvation Pray
  - 2. Challenge everyone to Love God and Love others.
  - 3. Challenge everyone to spur one another on to Love & good deeds.
  - 4. Challenge everyone to walk as Jesus did.

Father's Day - Your kids, no matter how old they are, just want you. They want your time and undivided attention. So, love on them every day. Tell them that you love them every day and pray for them every day.