

3-20-2022 Children's Sunday
How To Walk With God

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Intro: Today I want to talk to you kids about walking with God. Our Bible verse this morning is found in Ephesians chapter 5.

Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Our Scripture chorus of the morning is taken from this passage. I wrote this Scripture song in 1980. I am going to have Mrs. Bissol come and teach the song to you.

SING SONG:
WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT, KEY OF C.

This morning I want to talk to you about what it means to walk with God and how you can walk with God.

Now that the weather is breaking a lot of people like taking walks. Usually you see people walking a trail sometimes walking in the park. Walking in the woods, etc. What do they do as the walk along?

They sometimes hold hands.
They sometimes talk.
They sometimes just enjoy each others company.

Taking a walk together is a good way to get to know each other.

First of all you find that people who take walks together are people who are close to each other and know each other. You don't go out and walk with strangers.

They are usually people who know each other well.

So the first thing you need to do to walk with God is to get to know God and get close to God.

How do you do that?

I. YOU NEED TO CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD AND BE SAVED.

You need to be saved and adopted into the family of God to be called a child of light.

Genesis 4:26 And to **Seth**, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: **then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.**

Genesis 5:24 And **Enoch walked with God:** and he was not; for God took him.

Genesis 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, **and Noah walked with God.**

People that know God and are close to God are people who are said to walk with God.

It all starts when we call upon the name of the Lord to be saved.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The Bible says, that you need someone to introduce you to the Lord.

How shall the call upon the name of the Lord without someone to introduce them to the Lord?

The best way to get to know someone is to be introduced to that person through someone else who knows them.

I met the Lord through other people who knew the Lord.

I met my wife, when I went to Church with her family and she went to Church also.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

But.

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

You need someone to teach you and to introduce you to the Lord.
Then when you personally call on the Lord, then you can be saved.

Are you trying to introduce other people to the Lord?
Do you try to invite people to Sunday School and Church?

And when you are saved you can be a child of God and you now can walk with God and get to know Jesus.

II. NEXT TO WALKING WITH GOD YOU NEED TO CHOOSE TO SPEND TIME TALKING TO GOD.

When two people walk together they usually spend time talking to each other.

People usually do not take walks with people they don't know. The other day I had to deliver a piano in the city. As I was walking to the van I said hello to someone who was also walking on the sidewalk. I noticed they purposely did not walk with me.

To walk with God is to spend time talking with God.

We call this time of talking and praying communicating with God.

First you must call upon the name of the Lord and be saved.

Then you have this promise that He will hear you. Talking to God is what we call prayer.

The Bible says,

I Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

III. TO WALK WITH GOD YOU NEED TO LET GOD TALK TO YOU.

1. HE SENDS HIS HOLY SPIRIT INTO YOUR HEART TO COMMUNICATE TO YOU.

When you call upon the name of the Lord He will send His Holy Spirit into your heart so you can understand Him.

I Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

I Corinthians 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

I Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The Holy Spirit Helps you to understand spiritual things.

How can you talk with someone who you don't understand?

You're not going to walk with someone if you don't understand their language. It's hard to do things with someone who speaks another language.

One time I wanted to go visit my grandparents from Italy. Usually my mother was there when I visited. I was in Hazelton and I called my mom up to see about going to see her parents. There was no one there except her mom and dad. They did not speak English. I asked my mom if I should go. She called me back and said, her mother said, there was no one there to translate so if I came over I would look at them and they would look at me and UH, nothing. It's hard to visit with people who speak another language.

The Holy Spirit is what allows you to speak to God and God to speak to you.

2. THE BIBLE IS HOW GOD SPEAKS TO HIS CHILDREN.

I met my wife through her brother who told me to call his family and go to church with them. When I went to church with Midge and Hank Accardi, I also went to church with my wife Elaine.

When I first came to know the Lord, I had a lot of questions. I wanted to know the Bible.

I used to call Midge Accardi, my wife's mother, to find answers to the Bible. One day I called to talk to Elaine's mom and Elaine answered the phone.

I said, I have a question. Well, Elaine's mom was busy and couldn't come to the phone and Elaine said to me what is your question.

I said, in Matt. Chapter 15 a woman came to Jesus and he called her a dog. That didn't seem very nice. What, was she ugly?

Then she said let me look it up in my Bible, then she said, Jesus was not insulting the woman. Jesus was sent first to the nation Israel, and this woman was a Canaanite and the Jews called gentile unbelievers unclean or dogs, for Jesus was sent first to the Jews, and the covenant was given to the Jews first. However because this Canaanite woman humbled herself and accepted what Jesus said, Jesus received her and He answered her request and healed her daughter. He was not insulting her he was testing her faith. And because she said, yeah Lord even the dogs eat from the crumbs of the children's table, He commended her and healed her daughter.

After that I said to myself, WOW. She knows the Bible. I need to be with her more often. And I said what are you doing tonight? And 6 months later we got married. In those 6 months we took a lot of walks talking about things, prayed together, studied the Bible together, and getting to know each other.

This is how you walk with God. You get excited about the Bible.

You want to be with people who know the Bible.
You love reading the Bible.
You love studying the Bible.
You love going to church and learning about the Bible.
You love Sunday School.
You should love going to church.

This is what it is to let God speak to you.

He speaks to you through the Bible.

Someday when you look for someone to marry, do what I did, find someone you could talk to about the Bible. If they don't love God, if they don't like talking about the Bible, Don't waste your time with them.

They will disrupt your walk with God.

So HOW DO YOU WALK WITH GOD? HOW DO YOU WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT?

- I. WALKING WITH GOD STARTS BY GETTING SAVED AND CALLING UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD.**
- II. TO WALK WITH GOD AFTER YOU ARE SAVED YOU NEED TO TALK TO GOD, WHICH IS PRAYING.**
- III. TO WALK WITH GOD YOU NEED TO LET GOD SPEAK TO YOU.**

Now to help you kids to walk with God, Pastor and Mrs. Bissol went out shopping to get you something to help you walk with God. A special Bible with a carrying case. So when you take a walk you can carry your Bible with you.