Bible Study - What Does It Mean To Walk With God? Pastor Charles A. Hall – February 23, 2023

As we read our bibles, we often come across the phrase "he walked with God" in most cases this means that a person lived his life in accordance with the commandments of God as much as possible, while realizing that no human being is perfect. Walking with God is more than just trying to live a life in accordance with the commandments of God, it involves communication and trust. Through our study and communication with God we learn to trust Him, and to have faith in who He is, and what He has done for us. So I decided to do a little bible study and research to gain a deeper understanding of this phrase "Walked with God", thus the below discussion is the result of my brief study on this topic.

There are many examples in the bible of faithful men who walked with God provided below are two:

- Genesis 5:21-24
- Genesis 6:8-9

As we have come to know through studying God's word, that man was separated from God as a result of Adam's failure to obey God which resulted in sin, and the fall of humanity. This separation is further reflected in Israel's failure to keep God's covenant through disobedience. However, prior to the fall both Adam and Eve enjoyed a close and intimate relationship with God, He even walked with them in the garden.

- Isaiah 59:2
- Genesis 3:8

Based on the word of God, God never wanted a wall between Him and humanity, so He removed the wall by restoring the relationship between man and Himself through His Son Jesus Christ.

- John 3:16
- Ephesians 2:13-14

How do we communicate with God? We communicate with God primarily through prayer, in the same manner in which we would communicate with a friend, we talk with Him, we share with Him the joy that has taken place in our lives, as well as our sorrow, pain, and concerns that we experience in our journey here on earth.

How does God Communicate with Us? After we have shared with God what is on our hearts through the unison of the Holy spirit, we need to be quiet, and just allow God to speak to us through our spirits, His words of comfort and encouragement, direction and guidance will help us during our earthly journey.

• Psalm 46:10

How do we hear God speaking to us? We hear God speaking to us through our spirits as a response to our prayers, time of meditation and fasting. We also hear God's voice speaking to us through the study of His word and through specific scripture.

• 1Kings 9:1-3

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How do we get to be more like Jesus? As Christians we are always asking God to make us more like Him, well the way to be more like God is to spend some intimate and quiet time with him, so that His divine nature will be reflective on our spirits, which then will result in the outward manifestation of Godly characteristics. The result of quiet and intimate time with God is a key to living a life that is spirit filled and spirit led.

- 2Peter 1:3-4
- Galatians 5:16-18

There are many men and women who walked with God in the bible in both the old and new testament, they are known as the heroes of faith, listed below are a few:

- Moses
- Joshua
- Abraham
- Joseph
- Isaac
- The Apostles
- David

Do you know any heroes of faith today, those who spiritually walk with God? To help you, here are some characteristics to look for, however be mindful that no one is perfect:

- Obeys God's laws.
- A lifestyle reflective of God
- Works that pleases God
- Close relationship with other believers
- Someone of great Faith
- Honor their bodies as a temple of God
- Experiences God's presence daily
- Studies the Word of God
- Maintains a deep desire to be close to God

- Loves others
- Charitable
- Meek
- Kind
- Full of humility
- Slow to anger
- Willing to suffer for Christ
- Steadfast
- Uncompromising
- Committed
- Not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ

- The prophets
- Samson
- The Godly Priests
- Godly Kings
- Mary
- Lois and Eunice

- Phoebe
- Ruth
- Esther
- Deborah
- Timothy
- Luke