

FOLLOWING JESUS



ADVENTURES IN DISCIPLESHIP!

THESIS:

1. WALKING WITH GOD . . .

2. PROCESS OF DISCIPLESHIP



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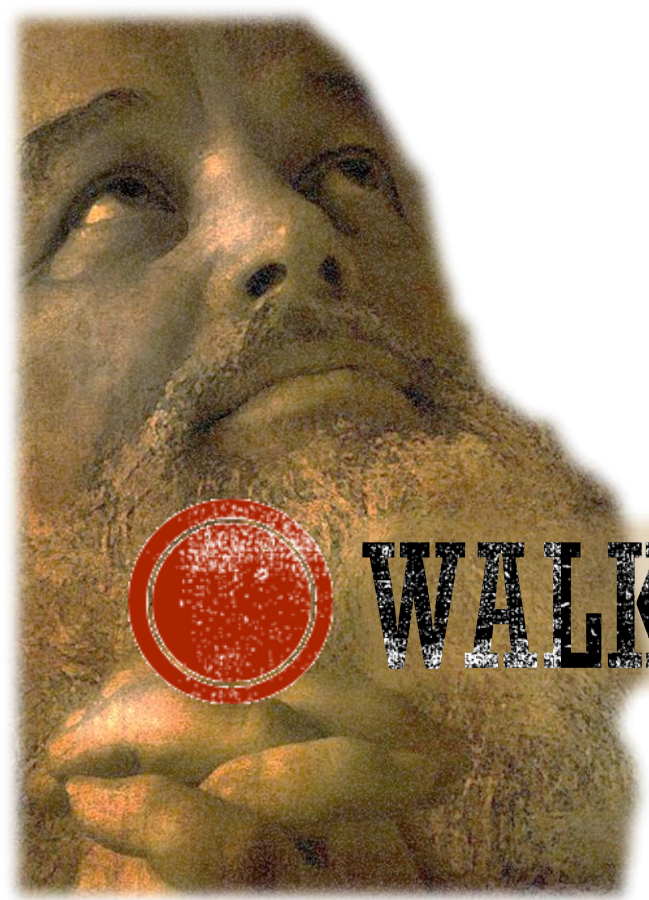


WALKING WITH GOD

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“they heard the sound of the Lord
God walking in the garden in the
cool of the day...”

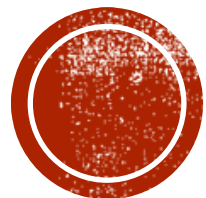
Genesis 3:8



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“Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah...”

“Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.” Genesis 5:22, 24



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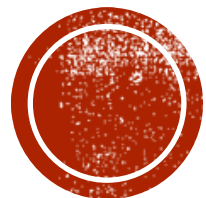


“Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.”

Genesis 6:9



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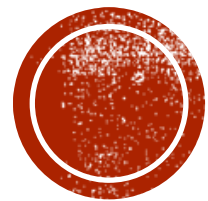


WALKING WITH GOD



“Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; Walk before Me and be blameless.”

Genesis 17:1



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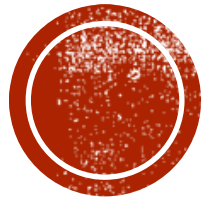


“Be strong, therefore, and show yourself to be a man. Keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways.”

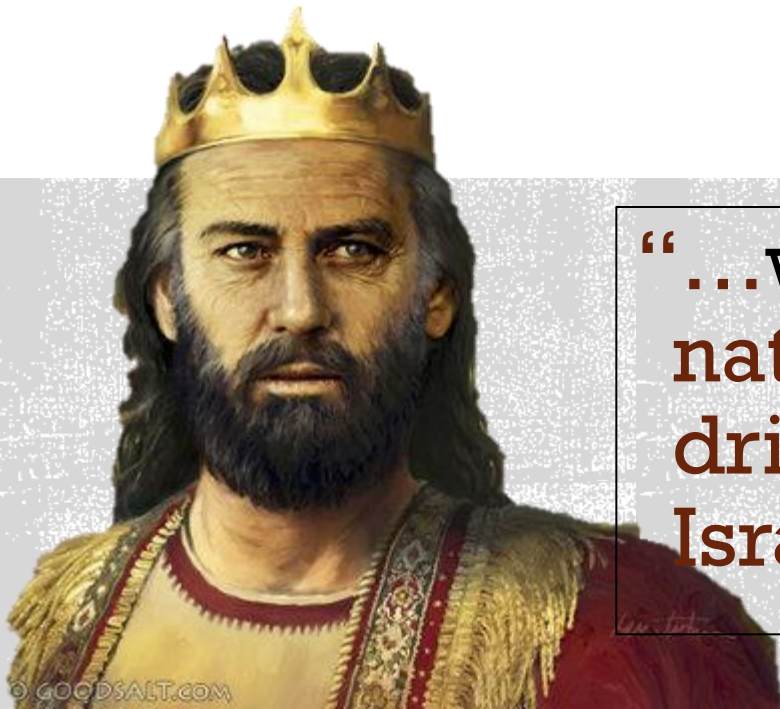
1 Kings 2:2-4

“Nadab did evil in the sight of the Lord
and walked in the way of his father.”

1 Kings 15:26

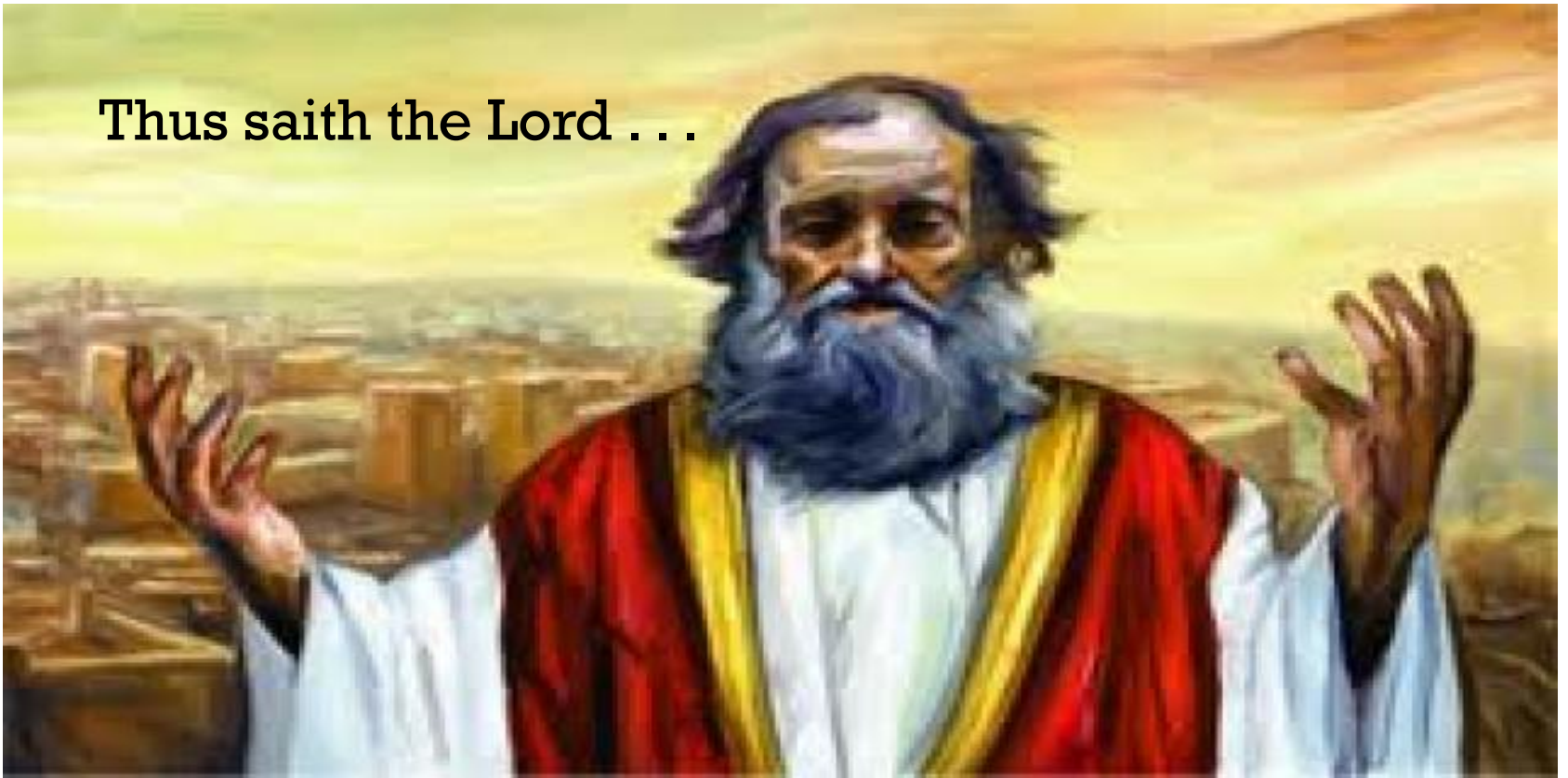


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“...walked in the customs of the
nations whom the Lord had
driven out before the sons of
Israel.” 2 Kings 17:8

Thus saith the Lord . . .



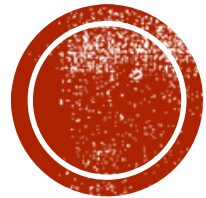
"The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?'
Those who handle the law did not know Me;
The rulers also transgressed against Me, and the
prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after
things that did not profit. Jer 2:8 NASU



**MAN'S HEART
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THOU HAS
CREATED US,
O LORD, FOR
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- St. Augustine

They are “empty people, who are looking for direction. When you don’t know who you are and for what you stand for absolutely, and can’t enunciate it as an autonomous person, then you become fodder for those who do know what they want and they who will take you along, directing you to do what they want.”



WALKING WITH GOD



Thus says the Lord, “What injustice did your fathers find in Me, that they went far from Me and walked after emptiness and became empty...”

Jeremiah 2:5

Psalm 143:8

Teach me the way in
which I should walk;
For to You I lift up my soul.

A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S ANSWER...

John 1:1 “In the beginning . . .

And the Word became flesh,
and dwelt among us...

... and we **saw** His glory, glory as
of the only begotten from the
Father, full of **grace** and **truth**
(John 1:14)

No one has seen God at any time;
but the only begotten God who is
in the bosom of the Father, ***He has
explained Him.*** (John 1:18)





▪ Disciples **leave** to **follow** Jesus

John 1:35

Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him speak, and they **followed** Jesus.



Luke 5:10-11

When they had brought their boats to land, they **left everything** and **followed** Him.

FOLLOWING JESUS

Follow –

walk the same road

- ☐ accompany, attend, follow
- ☐ to cleave steadfastly to one, conform wholly to his example, in living and if need be in dying also (Thayers)



1

- Disciples leave to follow Jesus

2

- Disciples **follow** in order to **learn** from Jesus.

Matthew 11:29

Take My yoke upon you and **learn from Me . . .**

listening, watching, and experiencing . . .

DISCIPLE DEFINED

Disciple - mathétés: a disciple; a learner, a pupil

- ❑ from *math-*, the "mental effort needed to think something through"
- ❑ a learner; a disciple, a follower of Christ who learns the doctrines of Scripture and the lifestyle they require



1

▪ Disciples leave to follow Jesus

2

▪ Disciples follow in order to learn from Jesus.

3

▪ Disciples **learn** to **live** like Jesus

Luke 6:40 –

"A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher."

listening, watching, and experiencing

REQUIREMENTS:

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me"

Luke 9:23

- ☐ Desire ...
- ☐ Self denial ...
- ☐ Take up your cross daily
- ☐ Follow through



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- Disciples **live like** Jesus to **live *with*** Jesus

**FOLLOWING JESUS
LEADS TO GLORY!**

JESUS & GLORY!

“I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do. And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.”

John 17:3



Disciples chose to leave the world in order to follow Jesus in all things so they can live like Him and be with Him.



- **What is it that stands in my way** from fully following Christ?
- **What is there to learn** to look more like Jesus?
- **What is my goal** for my life on this earth?



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