Walking with Jesus

Although we enjoy our God in quiet times set aside for reading His word and for prayer, He wants to walk with us all day and every day.

**How can we walk with Jesus?**

**1. Meditate on the *Patterns* of Walking with Jesus**

(though these ideas certainly overlap)

A. Walk *behind* Jesus for His example & leadership

Mark 8:34

B. Walk *beside* Jesus for His friendship & communion

Genesis 5:21-24; 6:9; Genesis 18; John 15:13-15

C. Walk *before* Jesus for His counsel & protection

Genesis 17:1; 48:15-16; Isaiah 30:20-21; 52:12

**2. Choose the Right *Paths* for Walking with Jesus**

Amos 3:3; Micah 6:8

A. Do justice—*keeping God’s law & fairness*

B. Love kindness—*compassion & forgiveness*

C. Walk humbly—*service & worship*

Mark 10:42-45

**3. Learn the *Practice* of Walking with Jesus**

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

A. Repeat a *one-breath* prayer

B. Talk *conversationally* with the Lord

C. Lift up *pressing needs*

D. Pray your *verse for the day*

**For Personal Reflection or Family Discussion**

1. What was the most important or helpful thing you heard in the sermon?

2. What questions did the sermon raise in your mind?

What was the most convicting part of the message?

3. Other verses on walking before the Lord (a phrase that struck me when I noticed it recently) include—

Genesis 24:40

1 Samuel 2:30, 35

1 Kings 2:43:68:23; 9:4

Psalm 56:13; 116:9

4. Other verses on following or walking behind the Lord—

Deuteronomy 13:4

John 10:1-5, 27-28

5. Abraham is the only Old Testament person specifically called the friend of God (2 Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8; James 2:23). What aspects of his friendship with God do you see in Genesis 18.

5. If you customarily think of walking with Jesus in one of the three patterns I mentioned, how might it enrich your walk to dwell sometimes on the other two?

6. Other verses on a life of constant prayer include—

Psalm 71:8, 15, 24; 86:3

Romans 12:12 “devoted to prayer” or “constant in prayer”

Ephesians 6:18

Philippians 4:6

“God does not expect you to dive immediately into the ocean of constant communion and swim from one continent to the other. We move into this way through a process of practiced living.... And while this ‘practice of the presence of God’ is strenuous, everything else ceases to be so” (Richard Foster).