

Faith that Walks

Introduction

Hello. I hope you are having an amazing day. Let me ask you something straight up. Have you ever thought of your faith as a walking kind of faith? Sometimes in life we need to apply our faith as a walking kind of faith. I'm not talking about waiting faith, crazy faith, or worrying faith. I'm talking about a walking kind of faith. Faith that moves forward when everything around you says to stay still. Faith that walks will defiantly need a good pair of shoes because they have direction and purpose.

Idea 1: Walking faith,

Details not included.

Hebrews 11:8 *“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as an inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.”*

We all know Abraham didn't have google maps at the time, but he obeyed and took off walking anyway. God said Go and Abraham said yes Sir. Abraham left what he knew and what he had, in obedience to God. Completely walking into the unknown. Now that's for real walking faith in my book. Don't wait around for a blueprint, because God could be giving you your next step. Take it one step at a time even when you can't see beyond your next step.

Ask yourself this question. What does walking faith mean to me. I asked myself that same question and this is what I came up with.

- Faith walking means that I trust God with every aspect of my life. When the fuel tank is empty, when the bank account just doesn't match up with the dreams that you may have now.
- When your flesh wants to attack with revenge tactics, we choose to walk in forgiveness.

- Faith that walks keeps moving through the opposition not trying to walk around it.
- It means showing up every day no matter how hard it gets. Even when you don't have it in you, keep moving. Because you know the enemy wants to slow you down and he will use the tools he has to try to accomplish that. You may be tired, and you may feel stuck but walking faith doesn't quit when things get hard. It keeps pressing forward.

Idea 2: Walking Faith Walks through the fire not around it.

Psalms 23:4 *“Even though I walk **through** the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...”*

We love some mountain top faith and there is nothing wrong with that. I can tell you from experience in my comeback journey that the real growth in any journey is going to be in the valley. That's where you are tested and challenged to be a better you. You don't get wine without crushing grapes. I believe that some of the strongest walks come from the darkest valleys.

Walking faith doesn't stop in the valley, it walks through it. Look at it like this, the valley is not your destination but can be a good place for your development. The valley is not our residence so don't put up a mailbox there. So don't cop a squat in what you're supposed to be walking through. If you are feeling fear, that doesn't mean your faith isn't working, it just means that you are human. If you are walking through something in your life right now like pain, guilt, divorce, doubt or depression, I want to reassure you that you are not walking alone, you're walking through this thing because God didn't bring you to it to leave you in it.

Faith That Walks Daily

Luke 9:23 – *“Take up your cross daily and follow me.”*

Faith isn't just for the weekends, it's not just a one-time shout and one-time praise, it's a daily step. Walking faith shows up even when your strength and emotions don't.

Walking faith is trusting again after deceit. Praying again when you didn't get the answer last time. Believing again after betrayal. Walking faith is worship with no music, prayer without the goosebumps, and movement when you feel stuck.

Idea 3: What Happens When Faith Walks

Hebrews 11:29-30 *"By faith, the people passed **through** the red sea... by faith the walls of Jericho fell."*

Faith in motion activates the supernatural because God is a God of motion. When you walk, walls fall, water's part and ways are made.

James 2:17 *"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action**, is **dead**."*

Think about this, you could be one step of obedience away from your breakthrough. It's harder for the enemy to stop someone that is always moving. Someone who refuses to stop.

Hebrews 11:5 *"By faith Enoch walked with God."*

Heaven responds to movement, Hell respects it and your breakthrough requires it. Walk until the old you can't be found anymore. Walk until your dreams catch up with your faith. Walk until God says your closer to me now than where you were.

Truth be told. I learned this in some very tough times, and it worked out well for me. You don't need all the answers. You just need enough faith for the first step.

Idea 4: Walking Faith Produces Evidence

Faith isn't just something that is felt but it's seen. Here are three points that you can check yourself with.

1. If you truly believe that God will provide in your situation, your giving should reflect that.
2. You say you believe in reconciliation; your love walk should show it.
3. You say you trust in His timing; your patience should show it.

Faith that walks is a practical faith that prays when it's hard and prays when it's not. Praise when it's painful and when it's not. It obeys when it's confusing and when it's not. We stay faithful in the good times and the bad. It's my opinion that your **walk** tells your **testimony** before your mouth ever opens.

John 1:14 “The *word became flesh and dwelt among us.*”

Jesus just didn't express His love for us from the comfort of heaven; He walked it out here on earth. He walked on water, He walked to the cross and best of all, He walked out of the grave. And now He walks with us.

Faith that walks is dangerous to the enemy. It's not stuck in doubt and frustration. It doesn't sleep in fear. It's not waiting for perfect conditions to make a move. It's saying,

- I don't see it but I'm going anyway.
- I'm not feeling it but I'm trusting Him anyway.
- I don't understand it at all, but I'm obeying Him anyway.

God doesn't bless the comfort zones of life. He blesses the faith zones. So, lace up your hiking boots, dust off any fear and start walking again and remember you're not walking alone. You're walking with the One that has already conquered the path.

So, have a little fun with me for a second. Raise your right hand and repeat after me. I declare that I will walk by faith and not by sight. I will only move when God says move. I will trust in the unseen, because the God I serve sees the end from the beginning. My faith walks because my faith lives. So, if your faith is still alive, get up and get to walking again.

I truly hope that this might bless you in some way. Keep walking! You got this.

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