

## How Can I Walk with God?

Text: Micah 6:6 -8 With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before the High God ? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

### Quick Review

1. We were created to have Dominion and Glory
2. Things are not always what they seem.
3. We are at War.
4. Sometimes the Lord may lead us into situations that require more than we think we have to offer.”
5. We have a desperate need to change our heart and thankfully Christ offers us a New Heart.
6. God endowed you with a glory that is unique to you, you Must Embrace Your Glory.

### Introduction:

- A. God has given us all sorts of counsel and direction in his written word.
  1. 2 Pet. 1:3-4- As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
  2. The more that wisdom enters our hearts the more we will be able to trust our hearts in different situations. Psa. 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You! 16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.
- I. Pay attention to your heart and the leadings of God’s word. We are going to be talking about our heart: (not just your emotions but your whole being)

Heart- The very citadel of human life, the heart, which in Hebrew thought meant the mind, was devoted exclusively to the contemplation of evil, and there were no exceptions.

A. Gen. 6:5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Remember this:

B. The heart (if God is leading it) will not go contrary to the word of God. God will not lead you to break his laws.

1. Remember “The devil is a master at manipulating the heart.”
2. You can have a good heart and live like a moron or even worse. A good heart is not necessary a wise heart. Ever said “I wish I knew then what I know now.” There is a difference in Wisdom and knowledge.

C. Heb. 5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

D. We have the world of God revealed to guide us.

1. The apostles were guided miraculously into all truth.

2. Jn. 16:12-13 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

II. The Story of Your Life ? This is Your Life 1952-61 Each week, an unsuspecting celebrity would be lured by some ruse to a location near the studio. He would then be surprised with the news that he was to be the featured guest. Next he was escorted into the studio, and one by one people significant in the guest's life would be brought out to offer anecdotes.

A. “Our life is a story. A rather long and complicated story that has unfolded over time.” Your heart has learned many things, some are not true.

B. Much of our core is developed when we are young (school, area)- the best and worst comes from our family.

C. Yet we are responsible for ourselves

"When you blame others, you give up your power to change." --Robert Anthony

BLAME

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You forfeit power to change when you  
Make others take the blame  
For attitudes and things you do--  
Your life will stay the same.

When once admitting you're at fault  
For your immobile mind,  
You'll find you're promptly able to halt  
Those attitudes that bind.

Though many things you can't control,  
Not life, not man, not time,  
Within your power you have your soul,  
To fly, to soar, to climb.

### III. Restoring our Heart

A. Because of the assault on our heart (lives) by Satan in an attempt to keep us from being fully alive and bringing honor to God we may need to restore our heart. (Original Glory)

B. Restoring your heart is not an easy thing.

C. We have help- 2 Cor. 4:16-18 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the

things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

1. We sometimes need the help of others to receive the council of God. We are usually too close to our lives to see what's going on. We cannot see the Forrest for the trees.

2. Preacher, Elder, Caring member- sometimes the help comes from someone without.

#### IV. You must not go it alone.

- A. We need to be one in heart. Acts 4:32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

- B. "One another" 79 N.T. is mentioned dozens of times in the scripture Love one another, pray for one another bear with one another, fellowship one another, etc. We need to give one another the benefit of the doubt.

- C. From the beginning, right there in Eden, the Enemy's strategy has relied upon a simple aim: divide and conquer. Get them isolated and take them out.

- D. Every great story: Dorothy has the Scarecrow, Tin man and the lion,

- E. Jesus had the twelve apostles.

1. Thousands came to Jesus/ he had 12 apostles/ Peter, James, John, Jesus inner circle

2. Mark 5: 37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

3. Mark 9:2 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them.

4. Mark 14:33 And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.

F. How can we offer counseling to one another unless we actually know one another.

1. Billions of dollars are spent every year on counseling
2. Counseling became a hired relationship between two people primarily because we couldn't find it anywhere else; we haven't formed the sort of small fellowships that would allow the stream to flow quite naturally. If we never form these small groups of close friends we are missing our opportunity.

G. Early church was a small tightly knit group of folks

1. Acts 2:46 -47 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

2. 1 Cor. 16:19 The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

F. Anytime an army goes to war or an expedition takes to the field, it breaks down into little platoons and squads. Every tale of war talks about the men fighting for each other. You simply cannot be devoted to a mass of people, devotion takes place in small units, just as in families.

V. Christ offers us more than forgiveness he offers to heal us-

A. Matt. 13:15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'

B. Think of the healing of Jesus

1. Blind- see, Deaf- hear, Lame- leap, Leper- flesh restored woman with issue of blood. Acts 10:38 went about doing good to those oppressed by the devil.
2. Miracles of Jesus were not just to prove he was God- Jesus restores each of them right where they need restoring
3. Psa. 23:1-3 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
4. Psa. 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.
5. 1 Jn. 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Come and accept the healing of your heart today! Accept the forgiveness of your sins by confessing, repenting and being baptized.