

Word on Wednesday Bible Study

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Walking in Faith - Luke 17:1-10

The Christian life is built through surrender to Christ and a lifelong pursuit of walking in his light in obedience to His commands. We live in a world that, without question, is in open rebellion against His righteousness and truth. Our Savior commands that we be holy because He is holy, yet we turn on devices that can be used for His glory and our shame. A healthy disciple of God must exist in a community where they can be known and held accountable. God commissions the church to carry out bringing the saints into maturity. According to one author, "A church is a collection of people receiving and giving correction as we avoid temptation while living for Christ."

The relationship of the church is crucial to the maturity of the saints of God. We must exhibit characteristics that build one another towards love and good deeds. As we encourage one another, we must walk in faith through forgiveness, obedience, and humility.

1. Walk in Faith through sincere _____ (Luke 17:1-4).

"Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Vs. 1-2

Vs. 3 ...Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, vs. 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Eph. 5:15-16

2. Walk in Faith through bold _____ (Luke 17: 5-6).

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Vss. 5-6

3. Walk in Faith through humble _____ (Luke 17: 7-10).

"So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants we have only done what was our duty.'" Vs. 10

Conclusion: The local church is the chosen catalyst to take the gospel to the nations. It is also how we reach maturity by humbly submitting to one another in rebuke and forgiveness. When we walk in faith through forgiveness, bold petitions, and humble service, it brings us closer to how we have been created. May we never forget the sacrifice of Christ and live in obedience to the commands we have been given. Let our posture be that of 1 John 5:3-4, "For this is what love for God is: to keep His commands. And His commands are not a burden, because everyone who has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith."