



**Stand In Awe**

### Walking Gods Way

Thank God for faithfully bringing us through another year. The New Year is welcomed with a passionate determination to advance God's kingdom on earth through prayer. This begins with our walk with God. Some walk as a form of exercise, others take a leisurely stroll after a meal. My friend and I walk generally as a means to maintain our friendship and to talk about our lives, families, etc. From creation God took walks in the garden at the cool of the day in search of Adam and Eve so as to be with them (Genesis 3:8). He longs to spend time with those who love Him. He enjoys their company. He has much to say and share. He is a good listener too. God desires to be with us throughout life. Being with someone helps to better understand and be acquainted with their personality, likes and dislikes, desires, purposes and more. The greater time spent together the deeper the level of intimacy. God wants to be known by those who want to be with Him. We are to study the Bible and obey His instructions. In other words, whatever is required to maintain a harmonious relationship with God is expected of

those who choose to walk with Him.

How does someone walk with God? Take a look at Enoch. Enoch lived 365 years of which three hundred years were spent walking with God (Genesis 5:22-24). It is said after the birth of his first child Methuselah, Enoch walked with God. He enjoyed fellowship with God for the majority of his life. He was in conversation with God who shared His plans with him (Jude 14). God enjoyed their fellowship together that He took him so as to continue in communion with Enoch. We walk with God by becoming friends with God. Where there is no friendship there can be no fellowship. Being friends provides the relationship through which we can be in continual fellowship with Him. By this fellowship a constant, intimate and steady communication with God streaming from a heart of true love for God is maintained. Our communication though prayer is to be honest, open, and truthful. We are to not hide our sins from God for this will cause separation

## END TIME RAIN

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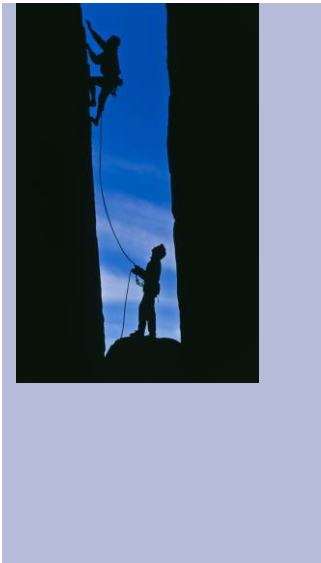


(Isaiah 59.1-2). Walking with God is to be joined in friendship, live in harmony with His principles and be continuously in sacred conversations with Him. Walking with God is a life journey of prayer and obedience.

*“There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God. A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God O Jesus blessed Redeemer, sent from the heart of God Hold us who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.”*

As we are drawn closer to Your heart, show us Your ways. Teach us Your paths, guide us in Your truth and teach us for You are our Lord and Saviour and our hope is in You all day long (Psalms 25:4--5).

**Veronica Williams Prayer Ministry Coordinator, SEC.**



**The secret of all failure is our failure in secret prayer**

**Walk This Way**

**Isaiah 30:21 (KJV)**

**“And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”**

The wonderful promise of Jesus to give you His Holy Spirit to be your guide will keep your feet securely planted on the highway that leads to heaven. The Comforter will warn you of dangers ahead and bring back to your mind the scripture passages you have memorised to keep you away from error; obstacles of deception. When you listen to His warnings you need not doubt, His primary role is to lead you into all truth. The pen of inspiration tells us: *When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man cannot accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural work...The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress which He holds in a revolted world...a soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan. Christ is willing to impart all heavenly influences. He knows every temptation that comes to man. (Sons and Daughters of God page 18-19)* It's a highway of holiness, none can walk up there

in the kingdom who have not practised walking by the way down here. The unclean cannot travel on the highway, neither those who foolishly believe that they can do it their way and still enter in. "Awake, awake; put on thy strength O Zion; put on my beautiful garments...O Jerusalem the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised (in heart) and the unclean." (Isaiah 52:1). So shall you know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion...then shall Jerusalem be holy and there shall no strangers pass through anymore (Joel 3:17). Saints of God, you have an invitation to travel on the Kings highway. It's a toll road where you can buy of Christ, free of charge, gold tried in the fire; white raiment to clothe you and cover your nakedness and shame. Most importantly eye salve that you may see! (Revelation 3:14, paraphrased).

**Dear Abba, Creator of the Universe who inhabits eternity, Our Shield, Defence and Rock of Ages. Who are we- but specks of dust. “What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and hast crowned him with glory and honour” (Psalms 8:4-5). Thank you for loving us so much – even in our pitiful condition of wilful disobedience and open rebellion. Father, take hold of our hands, walk with us, talk with us and guide us continually to life everlasting; by Your Spirit and through Your Word, amen.**



## Events & Prayer Calendar January-April 2018

**January:** Loving relationships: single and married men and women, children, young people and families

**February:** Unity amongst members: growth in giving: talents, time, tithes, worship and witnessing

**March:** Physical, spiritual, emotional healing and compassion for the elderly, sick, disabled and bereaved

**April:** God's providence for those who are poor, disadvantaged and facing challenges in life

**January-April Events:** 10-20<sup>th</sup> January-Global 10 Days of Prayer; 10<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> January SEC 21 Days of Prayer;

**Prayer Coordinators Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> February; 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March: Youth Week of Prayer; 7<sup>th</sup> April SEC Day of Prayer Emphasis.

### And Did It My Way

*And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.*

*Isaiah 35:8.*

Frank Sinatra recorded and sang a well-known and very popular song called "My Way." The words tell the story of a well-travelled life and how the traveller deals with every disappointment, regret, joy and fallen tear. Yes, he's had a few of all these things, but through it all he dealt with each one, "My Way." The final line of the last verse is given more emphasis: Yes it was My Way. How many of you can empathise with these sentiments? You have lived, or even now living your life on a roller coaster, rolling with the punches, ducking and diving the blows, determined to do it "My Way." Isaiah the prophet speaks of a highway and a way. The Highway Agency of England plays an active role in the life of the motorists. They are responsible for road improvement and maintenance up and down the country. They levy toll, and issue live traffic updates so the road user is aware of jams, accidents, road works and other problems that could delay their journey. For a Christian the Bible is the Highway Agency for it carries in it warnings, predictions, incidents and accidents which could and can be avoided if those involved would listen to the live updates. In Genesis chapter 20, Abraham "got stuck" in a jam when he decided to do things his way, and told Abimelech the king of Gerar that Sarah, his wife, was his sister. King David caused a major incident when during an idle moment waiting to move, he spotted Uriah's wife, Bathsheba

bathing on her roof top. Having lusted after her, an act which led to a pregnancy, he resorted to the murder of Uriah so that he would not get the blame. The Israelites spent forty years in the wilderness, going around in circles, because they chose not to listen to the news report. They could have taken a short cut and reached their destination quicker, but they refused to listen, to trust and to obey. The Bible is full of such individuals who chose to handle every obstacle, every difficulty their way. Jessy Dixon's song Highway to Heaven, has these lines: "It's a highway to heaven none can walk up there, but the pure in heart." The Psalmist gives us more information about the pure in heart. In chapter 15 and verse 2 he writes "he that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart." Further on in chapter 24 and verse 4 we read, "he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity or sworn deceitfully."

This is the character of those who will see God. It may seem a difficult highway to some, and it is! In the record of her first vision sister Ellen White writes, "Look higher, at this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the Advent people were travelling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the beginning of the path...the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path and gave light for their feet so that they might not stumble. If they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus, who was just ahead of them, leading them to the city, they were safe. (Early Writing, My first vision page 14). The eyes of the Christian have to be fixed on Jesus so that they can live above self and the things of this world. It is a higher calling, one which only few are willing to travel.

## Testimonies

### Overcoming By The Blood And The Word Of Testimony

Please join us as we thank and praise God for his faithfulness in answering prayers.

October 2017

In October 2016 we were informed by our children's school that the October half term in 2017 might be 2 weeks instead of the usual 1 week. We were not happy about this because this meant we each had to take a week off to look after the kids. To cut the long story short we found out this summer that we had to move house, we had been saving up to buy a place and had hoped to have saved enough by spring or summer 2018. I was a bit anxious because this would set back our dream of owning our own place, plus the ideal rentals on the market were more expensive than our current house. This meant dipping into our savings to pay for a deposit, the different checks plus not being able to save as much after this. Then the stress of finding a new place and moving, there was nothing exciting about the move at the time.

I started praying about it and asked End Time Rain prayer partners and the prayer team at church to pray for us. The kids were ok with the move but asked that we get a house with a garden and within walking distance of their school, they did not want to change schools. But as we prayed about it, I often heard a voice saying count your blessing. I thought of all blessings the Lord had bestowed upon us and stopped focusing on my mountain and started focusing on our provider and best friend. We prayed for all the above and a house that is close to church. I must confess our prayers never involved the size of our kitchen and like our youngest said when we went to view it again after signing the contract it's the smallest kitchen he has ever seen. Its far smaller than all the kitchens he is used to.

Our God is faithful and answers prayers not only did we get the above, but we also got a place that ticked all the boxes and more, on our third viewing. We never stressed about running out of time to find a place. We also got a reduction on our rent. Soon after that my husband got an unexpected pay rise at work that did not apply to his colleagues. Our moving period also happened to be over the 2 week half term that we had previously dreaded, giving us more than enough time to settle in.

My brothers and sisters we should pray without ceasing and tell God exactly what we want. Our Lord is faithful and works in mysterious ways. He knows the plans he has for us and his timing is perfect. He fulfilled His promise in Isaiah 41:10. Thank you all for all your prayers. We serve an Awesome God, let us continue to trust Him for He will never leave us nor forsake us. God bless L

*Testimony of Jesus*

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