

The Walk of Faith

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

As Charles Spurgeon said, “Our life is found in ‘looking into Jesus,’ not in looking to our own faith. By faith all things become possible to us, yet the power is not in the faith but in the God upon whom faith relies. . . . Faith is the work of God’s grace in us.”

Colossians 2:6-7 says, “Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

Spurgeon on walking in Christ:

“Walk implies, first of all, *action*. Do not let your reception of Christ be a mere thing of thought to you, but act upon it all. If you have received Christ, act as if you were saved—with joy, meekness, confidence, faith, and boldness. Walk in Him; do not sit down in indolence but rise and act in Him. Carry out into practical effect that which you believe. Act as the man who has received an immense fortune and behaves like a rich man. Do not play the beggar now that boundless wealth is conferred up on you.

“Walking also implies *perseverance*, no only being in Christ today but also being in Him tomorrow, and the next day, and the next, and the next. It means walking in Him all your walk of life. . .

“Walking implies *habit*. When we speak of a man’s walk and conversation, we mean his habits, the constant tenor of his life. It is not to occasionally enjoy Christ and then to forget Him. Let it be your habit to live upon Him; keep to Him; cling to Him; never let Him go, but live and have your being in Him.”

(The above quotes are from Charles Spurgeon’s *The Triumph of Faith in a Believer’s Life*.)

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6).

“By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.” (Hebrews 11:11)

“Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!” (Luke 1:45, NIV)

“To be fair, from a purely human viewpoint, we can understand Sarah’s despair. . . . If God planned to make her the mother of Abraham’s heir, why had He not done so by

now? It was natural for her to think God was deliberately withholding children from her. As a matter of fact, He was. When *His* time came for the promise to be fulfilled, no one would be able to deny that this was indeed God's doing. His plan all along was for Sarah to have her first child in her old age, after every prospect of a natural fulfillment of the prophecy was exhausted and after every earthly reason for hope was completely dead. Thus YHWH would put His power on display." (John MacArthur, *Twelve Extraordinary Women*)

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Sarah's example...Step one: _____

"I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." (Joshua 2:9-13)

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Rahab's example...Step two: _____

And he said, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. Let the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Please let down your jar that I may drink,' and who shall say, 'Drink, and I will water your camels'--*let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac*. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master." (Genesis 24:12-14, emphasis mine)

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Rebekah's example...Step three: _____

"Now since the LORD has kept you, my master, from bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hands, as surely as the LORD lives and as you live, may your enemies and all who intend to harm my master be like Nabal. And let this gift, which your servant has brought to my master, be given to the men who follow you. Please forgive your servant's offense, for the LORD will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my master, because he fights the LORD's battles. Let no wrongdoing be found in you as long

as you live. Even though someone is pursuing you to take your life, the life of my master will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the LORD your God. But the lives of your enemies he will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling. When the LORD has done for my master every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him leader over Israel, my master will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of having avenged himself. And when the LORD has brought my master success, remember your servant.” (1 Samuel 25: 26-31)

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Abigail’s example...Step four: _____