

# Walking by Faith

Therefore, being always of **good courage**,  
and **knowing** that while we are at **home** in the **body**  
we are **absent from the Lord**—  
for we **walk by faith, not by sight**—  
(II Corinthians 5:6-7)

A. **Walking by *Faith* begins with our Faith in Jesus the Messiah  
for salvation and forgiveness of sins.**

“For **God** so loved the **world**, that **He** gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever **believes in Him** shall **not perish**,  
but have **eternal life**.” (John 3:16)

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For by **grace** you have been **saved through faith**;  
and that **not** of yourselves, *it is* the **gift of God**;  
**not** as a result of **works**, so that **no one** may **boast**. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

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Of Him (**Jesus the Messiah**) all the **prophets bear witness**  
that through **His name** everyone who **believes in Him**  
receives **forgiveness of sins**.”(Acts 10:43)

B. **Walking by *Faith* means living in obedience to the Lord.**

**Paul, a *bond-servant* of Messiah Jesus,..**

**through whom we** have received **grace** and **apostleship**  
to bring about *the* **obedience** of the **faith** among  
all the **Gentiles** for **His name's sake**, (Romans 1:1a, 5)

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By **faith Abraham**, when he was **called, obeyed**  
by **going out** to a place which he was to receive for **an inheritance**;  
and he **went out**, not knowing **where** he was going. (Hebrews 11:8)

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Therefore as you have **received Messiah Jesus the Lord**,  
so **walk in Him**,..**established** in your **faith**, just as  
you were **instructed**, and overflowing with **gratitude**. (Colossians 2:6-7)

C. **Walking by *Faith* means believing and trusting, as “reality,”  
the unseen promises of God.**

Now **faith** is the **assurance** of things **hoped for**,  
the **conviction** of things **not seen**...

By **faith Abraham**, when he was **called**,..  
...lived as an **alien** in the **land of promise**,  
as in a **foreign land**, dwelling in **tents** with **Isaac** and **Jacob**,

**fellow heirs** of the **same promise**; for he was **looking** for the **city** which has **foundations**, whose **architect** and **builder is God**. (Hebrews 11:1, 8-10)

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For **momentary, light affliction** is **producing** for us  
an **eternal weight of glory** far *beyond all comparison*,

while **we** look **not** at the things which are **seen**,  
but at the things which are **not seen**; for the things which are **seen**  
are **temporal**, but the things which are **not seen** are **eternal**.  
(II Corinthians 4:17-18)

D. **Walking by Faith** means **believing** that your **service**, your “**labors of love**,” and your **faithfulness** in **doing** the **will of God**, will be **fruitful**, and yield **blessings** in *this life*, but **mostly** in the **life to come**.

Let us **not lose heart** in **doing good**,  
for in **due time** we will **reap** if we do **not grow weary**. (Galatians 6:9)

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Whatever **you do**, do your **work heartily**, as **for the Lord**..knowing that  
**from the Lord** you will receive the **reward** of the **inheritance**. (Col. 3:23-24)

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Therefore, my **beloved brethren**, be **steadfast, immovable**,  
always **abounding** in the **work of the Lord**,  
knowing that **your toil** is not **in vain in the Lord**.  
(I Corinthians 15:58)

E. **Walking by Faith** is **trusting** that the **trials** and **sufferings** that  
you may be **enduring** at this time, will “**work together for good**,”  
and **result** in your **spiritual growth**.

**Before** I was **afflicted** I went **astray**,  
but **now** I **keep** Your word...

It is **good** for me that I was **afflicted**,  
that I may **learn** Your **statutes**. (Psalm 119:67, 71)

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**After** you have **suffered** for a **little while**,  
the **God of all grace**, who **called you** to His **eternal glory** in **Messiah**,  
will **Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you**.  
(I Peter 5:10)

F. **Walking by Faith** means **trusting** that the **pain**—*physical, spiritual*  
or *emotional*, that you are having to **endure** will be **bearable**.

The **LORD is near** to the **brokenhearted** and **saves**  
those who are **crushed** in spirit.

**Many** are the **afflictions** of the **righteous**,  
but the **LORD delivers him** out of them **all**. (Psalm 34:18-19)

No **temptation** has **overtaken you** but such as is common to man; but **God is faithful**, who will **not allow** you to be **tempted beyond what you are able**, but with the **temptation will provide the way of escape** also, so that you will be **able to endure it**.  
(I Corinthians 10:13)

G. **Walking by Faith** means **believing** that the **prayers** that you are expressing **in faith**, and **perseverance** are indeed **being heard**, and will be **answered**.

Because **He** has **inclined His ear to me**,  
Therefore I shall **call upon Him** as long as I live. (Psalm 116:2)

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"Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me;  
for I am afflicted and needy.

**Preserve my soul**, for I am a **godly man**;  
O You my God, **save Your servant** who **trusts in You**.  
Be **gracious** to me, O Lord, for to You **I cry all day long**...

In the day of **my trouble** I shall **call upon You**,  
for **You will answer me** (Psalm 86:1-3, 7)

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With all **prayer** and **petition pray at all times** in the **Spirit**,...  
be on the alert with all **perseverance** and **petition for all the saints**,...  
(Ephesians 6:18)

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This is the **confidence** which we have **before Him**, that,  
if we **ask anything according to His will**, **He hears us**.

And if we know that **He hears us** in whatever we **ask**,  
**we know** that **we have** the **requests** which **we have asked** (I John 5:14-15)

H. **Walking by Faith** means **believing** that **God's righteousness** and **justice** will eventually **prevail**, and that **evil** will held **accountable** and **judged**.

**Better** is the **little** of the **righteous** than the **abundance** of many **wicked**.

For the **arms** of the **wicked** will be **broken**,  
but the **LORD sustains** the **righteous**.  
**The LORD knows** the **days** of the **blameless**,  
And their **inheritance** will be **forever**.

They will **not be ashamed** in the **time of evil**,  
And in the days of **famine** they will have **abundance**.

But the **wicked** will **perish**; and the **enemies**  
of the **LORD** will be like the **glory** of the **pastures**,  
They **vanish**—like **smoke** they **vanish away**. (Psalm 37:16-20)

**Rest in the LORD** and **wait patiently** for Him;  
do not **fret** because of him who **prosper**s in his way,  
because of the **man** who carries out **wicked schemes**...

For **evil doers** will be **cut off**,  
but **those** who **wait for the LORD**, **they** will **inherit the land**.  
(Psalm 37: 7, 9)

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For I was **envious** of the **arrogant**  
as I saw the **prosperity** of the **wicked**.  
For there are **no pains** in their **death**, and their **body is fat**...

They have set their **mouth against** the **heavens**,  
and their **tongue parades** through the **earth**...

Surely **in vain** I have kept **my heart pure**  
and **washed my hands** in **innocence**; For I have been  
**stricken** all day long and **chastened** every morning...

When I **pondered** to **understand this**,  
it was **troublesome** in my heart  
**until** I came into the **sanctuary of God**;  
*then* I **perceived their end**...

With **Your counsel** You will **guide me**,  
and afterward **receive me to glory**.  
(Psalm 73:3-4, 9, 13-14, 16-17, 24)

I. **Walking by Faith** means **believing** that we will someday **rejoin**  
**loved ones** and **friends** who have **died in faith**, and that the  
**pain** and **tears** of our **separation**, will turn into **glory** and **joy**.

But we do not want you to be **uninformed**,  
**brethren**, about those who are **asleep**,  
so that you will **not grieve** as do the **rest** who have **no hope**.

For if **we believe** that **Jesus died** and **rose again**, even so  
**God will bring with Him those** who have **fallen asleep** in Jesus...

For the **Lord Himself** will **descend** from **heaven** with a **shout**,  
with the **voice of the archangel** and with the **trumpet of God**,  
and the **dead in Messiah will rise first**. Then **we** who are **alive** and **remain**  
will be **caught up together with them** in the **clouds**  
to **meet the Lord** in the **air**, and so we shall always **be with the Lord**.  
Therefore **comfort one another** with these **words**.  
(I Thessalonians 4:13-14, 16-18)

Closing Comments