

Walk Humbly with Your God

While living in a small apartment, I've come to understand the universal condition of human life; it permeated my skin. I often heard the sounds that came through the walls at night – Oh, such streams of negativity! It is like peaking in on and exposing the bare, unfiltered life of my neighbors. Especially behind the left wall. I sometimes hear screaming and loud crying. I endure swearing through the right wall; the loud arguments are painful. I do not know about the families at all. However, their life is only a miniature version of the world. This destructive energy hurts all humanity; it touches every single relationship on Earth. It is the pandemic. How do we, as Christians, handle that negative spirit? In you, and in the relationship? That same negative spirit diminishes every relationship - it steals our vitality, and it pulls us down to a dark place where we cannot experience life in Jesus.

Do you think of it as an inevitable part of life? Have you halfway given up and halfway procrastinated working out the negative repeated issues in our thoughts, minds, and emotions? Then, we become pessimistic and double-minded by not living the power in Jesus and Christian truth. When projecting negative feelings, words, and thoughts, everything you touch loses life.

You are a new creation in Christ. The spirit, such as cynicism, criticism, judgmental attitudes, hopelessness towards others and towards yourself is never an option. The Old man with negativity died on the cross. God is powerfully passionate for you to be delivered from the sickness of this pandemic on Earth. The humble Jesus gave everything for you, never to be suffered by it again. **Jesus came to free us from the prison of negativity. The Holy Spirit is the remedy.**

God already finished everything before we were born into the world by sending Jesus. Not only forgiveness from sin, and also elimination of all the negativities; all kinds of dread, every negative emotion, every painful words, and every evil deed. **Jesus as a Messiah opened a way to the freedom from the prison of negativity. It was said in Isaiah 61: "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the broken hearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed."**

God finished already all the things before you were born. **It starts from who God is, who Jesus is.** It never starts from who you are. Our lives' starting point is from Jesus who is in you! We live our new life in Christ! Does it sound familiar? Yes.

In Christ- is a phrase used all through the New Testament more than eighty times in Paul's letters alone. It is our lives being incorporated and integrated into the Life of God through

Christ. Jesus said what is to be alive in the intimacy at the center of the universe in **John 17: 20-21.**

“I pray for those who will believe in me. That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

Jesus righteousness covers us. We are in Christ! God sees us as God sees Jesus.

Jesus has such an incredible relationship with the Father. Imagine we're included and involved in that same relational space! It is a key experience of our abiding in Jesus. It's like that the name of Jesus is giving us constant access to the father. Fullness and abundance is there in God. We cannot be separated. I'm in Him and He is in me. Every one of you has that same promise and provision. I have confident access to the presence of God.

We are allowed to walk toward God confidently, humbly, and gladly knowing that this is my place. You are assured a confident and continuous welcome. Even though you may not feel it, it is our reality. Let's do some practice.

Take a deep breath, and pause. Imagine, and meditate that you are in Christ' perfection. Focus on Jesus. God loves you as God loves Jesus. God's loving gaze is fixed on you! You feel it working within you, peeling away layers of darkness you didn't know were there. With precision of a surgeon's knife, it cuts away the hidden cares.

Loving gaze never disappears. Stay there. You are inside of Jesus, and God love you as God loves Jesus. This meditation will give you relaxation. You gain energy, your hardened heart may melt by the warmth of the love of God. You feel that your body, soul, and spirit refreshed.

Once again: imagine that Jesus has all the power of the universe, and Jesus has special favor to you, and the power is for you. Jesus walks with you. There is nothing and nobody against you. How do you feel? Peace? Yes. Right! It is the source of peace. The power gives you peace because there is nothing in the world to fear of. The power is the source of peace given to you. It is the place where you are.

Old habit might take you back again. The worldly logic might take you again. You might lose the inner place taken by life's distractions. What should you do? Then come back and focus on Jesus again and again. Praise and worship the triune God. Come back to Jesus, abide in Jesus. Constantly and constantly.

There will be still mistakes. God will be smiling at you! God will lift you up. God's joyous laughter will be with you! It is like a parent who lifts up the little baby or a child with joy! Until

you are fully and constantly there, it might take time of your whole life. God will gently guide you through your whole life. You walk humbly with God with joy and gratitude!

During the season of nurturing patience, situations won't be easy. To learn patience, tough situations are prepared by God. Challenge won't be solved in a simple way. Focus on Jesus with all your mind, heart and spirit. Patience is the fruit of the Spirit. It is in God's perfect and loving hand. But when you pass through the season of patience and endurance, your spiritual life levels up far higher than before.

Our Christian life starts from that perfect place of God. A Christian's journey is toward the perfect place where you will become perfect like Jesus.

It might take time until a tiny fruit grows constantly, becomes bigger and bigger until it becomes delicious with its ripe taste. One step after another walk with Jesus. Do not worry. Enjoy the process by coming back to this place again and again. Enjoy the journey with the Lord moment by moment.

During the whole process of the journey, I remember God often gave me a powerful encouragement. "I am very sure you will be courageous, you will be powerful, you will be wise, you will be beautiful!" When I received the message, I felt that I was already powerful, wise, and strong in God's love! God's encouragement let me walk with patience and humility toward the future I created to be. God was calling me toward future from the future of who I will be.

In the process, you will constantly looking for your right place in Christ, you will become **spiritual warrior** in your inner life. **You will surely hold the double-edged sword in front of you! Word of God. You will have kind and humble heart filled with full of mercy. You will have the breast plate of righteousness: righteous life. And your shoes of comfort. And you will be ready to remove any negativity that comes across to you.** Does it sound great?

How much word should you eat the word of God? How much alertness around your thoughts and emotions should you cultivate? Are you a spiritual warrior? A spiritual warrior fights against any kind of the darkness of inner life.

This relationship will lead you toward greater freedom. We will become a bride of Jesus. We will become a partner with Jesus. God lets you know how much you have grown. God lets you know when the time comes. He loves it when we enter new dimensions. He loves it when we see new truth and get new revelation.

Being alive to God means that all of your focus is toward God in every circumstance of life. It is a long road but fabulous journey. Do not think about the destination and enjoy the moment with God. You are not alone. You are with Jesus. **God adores you as God adores Jesus. You are a much beloved child.**