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In His Steps

Last month, my wife Rebecca and I traveled to what is commonly-referred to as “The Holy Land.” I still feel a little hesitant about using that term, because the land is not literally “holy.” It’s not set apart for something special. And yet it IS “The Holy Land” because Jesus and His apostles once walked there. From visiting Tel Megiddo, which dates back to the time of Abraham, Joshua, and David, to sailing across the Sea of Galilee, to stepping into the Jordan River, we were occupying the same space of real, biblical people of faith. THAT was incredible! Let’s just say I had a moment when we visited the teaching steps, which led up to the temple gate Beautiful described in Acts 3-4. Jesus walked on these very steps. Peter and John walked on these very steps. Everyone who went up to the temple walked on these very steps. I felt the presence of the Lord and grew a new appreciation for the biblical accounts, if that were even possible. We KNOW Jesus walked on these rocks—where rabbis would teach their disciples (thus the *teaching* steps). But as incredible as it was to stand in the footsteps of Jesus, it’s ultimately far more important to know where Jesus IS rather than just where Jesus WAS. Jesus once walked this earth; now Jesus walks in heaven. And He wants to walk into your life and ultimately into your heart. In Revelation 3:20, Jesus says, **“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”** As important as it was for Jesus to break into this world in the town of Bethlehem in Judea 2000 years ago, it’s even more important to let Jesus break into our hearts TODAY! The apostle Paul, who also walked up the teaching steps, once wrote to the church in Ephesus: **“I pray that out of [Christ’s] glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith” (Ephesians 4:16-17a).** That was Paul’s prayer for people close to his heart, and I believe it reflects the desire Christ has to live in us. He’s standing at the door to your heart. He’s knocking. He wants to come in and enjoy life with you. Will you let Him?