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FOREWARD

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Amos 3:3

If you are anything like me, and I believe every human being on earth is like me, you have lived a great deal of your life in total bewilderment. You have wondered why there is evil and troubles in the world. You have wondered whether there was a way to control your circumstances. How many times have you heard someone say something like this? “When things start going too good for too long, I know some trouble is just around the corner.”

It seemed to me that something was always going wrong. If I was healthy, I would have some financial problem. If my finances were in good shape, I would have a health problem. If both my finances and health were in good condition, I would have some relationship problem. Sometimes it seemed that I was sick, broke, and without any friends, all at the same time. There always seemed to be something going wrong somewhere in my life at any one time. I wondered if there was a way to stop evil and troubles from impacting I life. I wondered if there was a way to control my own selfish and self-destructive impulses.

As I read the New Testament, the Apostle Paul uses a term that indicates there is a Christian process of self-control, or should I say spirit control. In Paul’s writings he uses a term that indicates that mature Christians should have control over his or her circumstances and control over his or her appetites and desires. The term Paul used was, “*Walk in the Spirit*”.

THIS I SAY THEN, WALK IN THE SPIRIT, AND YE SHALL NOT FULFILL THE LUST OF THE FLESH.

GALATIANS 5:16

I earnestly prayed to God, “Show me how to *Walk in the Spirit* Father!.” This book is what He has shown me.

Walking in the Spirit is simply agreeing with the Spirit of God. If you wish to walk with God, you must start by agreeing with God. I found out that I cannot change God’s mind, but God’s spoken Word through His Holy Spirit can and did change my mind and my circumstances. This book is a step by step treatise on how you, by speaking and agreeing with God’s Word, can begin to believe the Word of God and increase your faith. This book explains how to *Walk in the Spirit*.

I hope and pray you will read it with an enlightened spirit and revelation from God.

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PART 1

THE BEGINNING

*“Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust,
Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;
Yet man is born unto trouble,
As the sparks fly upward.”*

Job 5:6-7

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CHAPTER 1

THE MEANING OF OUR EXISTENCE IN THE WORLD

Why does mankind suffer? Why did God make us so weak and fragile? Why did God allow us to be placed in such seemingly hopeless circumstances?

God wants to teach us a simple lesson, a lesson that will stay with us throughout eternity. We only have a very short time to learn the lesson.

THE VOICE SAID, CRY . AND HE SAID, WHAT SHALL I CRY? ALL FLESH IS GRASS, AND ALL THE GOODLINESS THEREOF IS AS THE FLOWER OF THE FIELD:

THE GRASS WITHERETH, THE FLOWER FADETH: BECAUSE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD BLOWETH UPON IT: SURELY THE PEOPLE IS GRASS.

ISAIAH 40:6-7

I remember when my dad turned eighty years old. I asked him if he had ever thought that he would ever reach eighty years old when he was a boy. He answered me saying, “It doesn’t seem that long ago that I was fifteen years old.”

I replied, “It doesn’t seem that long ago that I was fifteen years old either.” At the time, I was over forty years old, half an average person’s life span was over, and it was then that I realized just how fast time was passing me by. It was then that I realized how fleeting my life was and if we ask any older person, time seems to go faster and faster the older we get. I realized then that someday, if God blessed me, I would live to be an old man breathing my last breath and while looking back over a very long life, all my time on earth would only have been a blink of an eye.

If we fail to learn this *one* lesson, we will be forever lost and separated from God. However, if we learn this one lesson, we will be joined with God forever, and we will have all eternity before us!

I am not going to keep you in suspense. The one lesson we must learn before we die is this:

GOD LOVES US ... AND HIS “WORD” WAS, IS, AND FOREVER WILL BE, ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE!

THE GRASS WITHERETH, THE FLOWER FADETH: BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD SHALL STAND FOREVER.

ISAIAH 40:8

We suffer hurt because we have left the protection of God’s everlasting arms. The reason for all the suffering in the world is mankind’s *unbelief*, or lack of trust, in God and His Word. It would appear that any child could learn this lesson: *THE WORD OF OUR GOD SHALL STAND FOREVER*; however, it is the most difficult lesson in the world to learn. The whole purpose of this book is to show you how to learn this one lesson or how

to *Walk in the Spirit*. My hope and desire is that by the end of this book, you will begin travelling on a journey of excitement and wonder and faith, and by the end of your journey, you will be radically transformed into the very image of Jesus Christ, who is in Himself, the express image of God the Father. See 2 Corinthians 3:18 and Hebrews 1:3. You will be agreed with God and you will walk with God.

Many modern day Christians tend to believe that after a person accepts Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior, the battle is over. They are right in one respect, our battle against God is over! Once we confess the LORD Jesus as our Savior, we have passed the biggest hurdle in our relationship with God. We are no longer in outright rebellion and battle against God. We have seen the light, God has delivered us from the bondage of our enemy the devil. It is the first step on our journey to the land of promise and like the old Chinese proverb states: *Every journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.*

However, even though we are no longer in outright rebellion against God, we are involved in a battle and we still have a long journey ahead of us. We have simply switched sides and directions. We now have acquired a new adversary and our war is with our flesh and against the Devil. The Devil will stop at nothing to prevent us from reaching our ultimate destination. There are literally armies of angels and devils battling over our souls. We have taken the first step on our journey and we have a long road ahead of us, we have a specific destination. Like the children of Israel, who fled Egypt, escaping bondage is not the end of the journey, it is just the beginning, we still must reach the promised land. Listen to Moses' description of the promised land:

AND IT SHALL BE, WHEN THE LORD THY GOD SHALL HAVE BROUGHT THEE INTO THE LAND WHICH HE SWARE UNTO THY FATHERS, TO ABRAHAM, TO ISAAC, AND TO JACOB, TO GIVE THEE GREAT AND GOODLY CITIES, WHICH THOU BUILDEST NOT, AND HOUSES FULL OF ALL GOOD THINGS, WHICH THOU FILLEDST NOT, AND WELLS DIGGED, WHICH THOU DIGGEDST NOT, VINEYARDS AND OLIVE TREES, WHICH THOU PLANTEST NOT; WHICH THOU SHALL HAVE EATEN AND BE FULL;
DEUTERONOMY 6:10-11

If our own salvation was the end of our journey, I expect once we publically declared Jesus Christ is our LORD and that God has raised Him from the dead, a fiery chariot would come sweep us away and take us to heaven. However, we know that is not how it works. After we are saved, God expects us to bear fruit, not of our own works, but by trusting in His Word and relying totally on the life generating work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The destination for all believers is a place of perfect peace, perfect rest, and perfect trust in God. The end of our journey is our perfect and absolute assurance of God's *love*, His might and our total reliance on the power, sustenance and the absolute authority of Jesus Christ.

FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD RUN TO AND FRO THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH, TO SHOW HIMSELF STRONG IN THE BEHALF OF THEM WHOSE HEART IS PERFECT TOWARD HIM
2 CHRONICLES 16:9

The Promised Land is a place where God provides perfect protection. It is a place where God provides for our every need. It is *not* a place where we earn our living by the sweat of our brow. It is a place of abundance. It is a place of faith, joy, hope, and love. It is a place where we stop relying on ourselves and start relying totally on God. It is a place where God gives us the desires of our heart. It is a place where we have a deep and intimate relationship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.
JOHN 3:16**

We see that the action verb required in order to attain everlasting life is *believing!*

Believing in What? *Believing in the Son!* We must believe that God gave His Son for the world because He love us! Who did God give His Son too? Whosoever *believeth!*

**GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.
JOHN 15:13**

We understand that God loved us enough to give His only begotten Son, and we also see Jesus Christ loved us enough to lay down His life for us.

What more evidence do we need of God's love?

We need to have an absolute belief in God's perfect love for us. The beginning of Wisdom is the fear (reverence) of the Lord, but the end of Wisdom is the love of the LORD. Once we understand the perfect love of God, we can boldly approach Him and request the desires of our heart. Our final destination is the very throne room of the Almighty. The final destination is our *total reliance on God!* Our final destination is the *Holy of Holies*. It is the place where our spirit and the Holy Spirit co-habit and live forever.

The destination we are walking to is not a physical place, it is a spiritual place; however, arriving at this spiritual place will absolutely change our physical circumstances. Our physical situation will mirror our spiritual situation. When we *Walk in the Spirit*, we will reach our spiritual promised land in many different physical places and among many different peoples. We will reach the Promised Land whether we are living in Asia or Australia or South America or Africa or Europe or North America. Listen to the Word of God:

**IF YE "WALK" IN MY STATUTES, AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, AND DO THEM;
THEN I WILL GIVE YOU RAIN IN DUE SEASON, AND THE LAND SHALL YIELD HER INCREASE, AND THE TREES OF THE FIELD SHALL YIELD THEIR FRUIT.
AND YOUR THRESHING SHALL REACH UNTO THE VINTAGE, AND THE VINTAGE SHALL REACH UNTO THE SOWING TIME: AND YE SHALL EAT YOUR BREAD TO THE FULL, AND DWELL IN YOUR LAND SAFELY.**

AND I WILL GIVE PEACE IN THE LAND, AND YE SHALL LIE DOWN, AND NONE SHALL MAKE YOU AFRAID: AND I WILL RID EVIL BEASTS OUT OF THE LAND, NEITHER SHALL THE SWORD GO THROUGH YOUR LAND.

AND YE SHALL CHASE AN HUNDRED, AND AN HUNDRED OF YOU SHALL PUT TEN THOUSAND TO FLIGHT; AND YOUR ENEMIES SHALL FALL BEFORE YOU BY THE SWORD. FOR I WILL HAVE RESPECT UNTO YOU, AND MAKE YOU FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY YOU, AND ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH YOU.

AND YE SHALL EAT OLD STORE, AND BRING FORTH THE OLD BECAUSE OF THE NEW. AND I WILL SET MY TABERNACLE AMONG YOU: AND MY SOUL SHALL NOT ABHOR YOU. AND I WILL WALK AMONG YOU, AND WILL BE YOUR GOD, AND YE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

LEVITICUS 26:3-12

WALK. 3212. *Yaw-lak'*; a prime root. To *walk* (literally or figuratively); causatively to *carry* (in various senses): - x again, away, bear, bring, carry (away), come (away) depart, flow, + follow (-ing), get, (away, hence, him), (cause to, make) go (away, -ing, -ne, one's way, out), grow, lead (forth), let down, march, prosper, + pursue, cause to run, spread, take away ([-journey]), vanish, (cause to) walk (-ing), wax, x be weak. (The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, James Strong, LL.D., S.T.D., Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1984.)

Do you see that we must *walk* in God's commandments; we must *carry* God's commandments; we must *get* God's commandments.

Is this some type of legalism, or does it mean that if we carry a Bible every place we go, we are safe?

No ... God wants us to have an intimate relationship with Him. God wants a deep, personal relationship with everyone. God want everyone to trust Him. Listen to what God says:

AND THESE WORDS, WHICH I COMMAND THEE THIS DAY, SHALL BE IN THINE HEART: AND THOU SHALT TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY UNTO THY CHILDREN, AND SHALT TALK OF THEM WHEN THOU SITTEST IN THINE HOUSE, AND WHEN THOU WALKEST BY THE WAY, AND WHEN THOU LIEST DOWN, AND WHEN THOU RISEST UP.

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

Do you see how we *walk* in God's commandments? We must keep God's Word in our heart. We must be constantly *speaking* God's Word to ourselves, to our family, to our friends, to strangers we meet. How can we teach them to our children or talk of them when we are sitting, walking, lying, and rising if we do not *know* God's Word intimately?

LET US HEAR THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER: FEAR GOD, AND "KEEP" HIS COMMANDMENTS: FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN.

ECCLESIASTES 12:13

KEEP. 8104. *Shaw-mar'*; to *hedge* about (as with thorns), i.e. *guard*; generally *to protect, attend, to*, etc.: - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-er, self), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man). (The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, James Strong, LL.D., S.T.D., Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1984.)

COMMANDMENTS. 4687. *Mits-vah'*: *a command*, whether human or divine (collect the Law): - which was) commanded (-ment), law, ordinance, precept. (The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, James Strong, LL.D., S.T.D., Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1984.)

In case you begin thinking that I am just another legalist trying to put you under the law and trying to make you forsake the liberty and grace of Jesus Christ. Let me reassure you, I definitely do not want to put anybody under the law. I want to show you how a Christian can stop trying to obey the law and can begin trusting in the total sufficiency of God's Word and the perfect atonement of Jesus Christ, which is *Walking in the Spirit*.

CHAPTER 2

SPEAKING AND BELIEVING THE WORD OF GOD = WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

3056. **Logos**, log'-os; from 3004; **SOMETHING SAID** [emphasis added] (including the *thought*); by implication. A *topic* (subject of discourse), also *reasoning* (the mental faculty) or *motive*; by extension. A *computation*; spec. (with the art. In John) the Divine *Expression* (i.e. *Christ*): - account, cause, communication, x have to do, intent, matter, mouth, *preaching*, question, reason, + reckon, remove, *say* (-ing), shew, x *speaker*, *speech*, *talk*, thing, + none of these things move me, tidings, treatise, *utterance*, word, work. (The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, James Strong, LL.D., S.T.D., Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1984.)

The Word *Logos* jumped out at me. I have read the meaning of *Logos* in my Strong's Concordance many times, but now I had a *revelation* about this most important and KEY Word for the first time. *Logos* is the cornerstone, *Logos* is the key that unlocks the mysteries of God, *Logos* is Jesus Christ. *Logos* is the *spoken Word*, *Logos* is not the written word. I want to repeat it again, *Logos* is the *spoken Word*, *Logos* is not the written word.

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE LOGOS (SPOKEN WORD), AND THE LOGOS (SPOKEN WORD) WAS WITH GOD, AND THE LOGOS (SPOKEN WORD) WAS GOD.

THE SAME WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD.

ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM; AND WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT ANYTHING MADE THAT WAS MADE.

IN HIM WAS LIFE; AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

AND THE LIGHT SHINETH IN DARKNESS; AND THE DARKNESS COMPREHENDED IT NOT.

JOHN 1:1-5

When we speak, it is a manifestation of our spirit life. God's *spoken Word* is the physical manifestation of God's Spirit in, to and on His creation. Fallen mankind can only speak death, darkness, lies, and selfishness, because fallen mankind has been contaminated by sin, fallen mankind will always speak who and what they are on the inside, fallen man will speak what is dwelling in their spirit man. However, God speaks only life and light and truth and love, God cannot speak opposite of who and what He is. Our *spoken Word* is the same as our *spirit*.

**A GOOD MAN OUT OF THE TREASURE OF THE HEART BRINGETH FORTH GOOD THINGS:
AND AN EVIL MAN OUT OF THE EVIL TREASURE BRINGETH FORTH EVIL THINGS.**

MATTHEW 12:35

If we desire to transform into His image, we must begin *speaking* truth, light, life and love, we must begin *Speaking God's Word*. *Speaking God's Word* is the only way we can approach God and appropriate His promises. Jesus Christ (God's *Spoken Word*) is the light that shines in darkness and the darkness cannot understand or comprehend Him because he is the opposite of darkness. Only the children of the light can comprehend Him and be transformed into His perfect image.

I AM THE “WAY”, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE; NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.

JOHN 14:6

WAY. 3598. *Hod-os'*; apparently a prime root word; a *road*; by implication a *progress* (*the route, act or distance*); figuratively a *mode or means*; - journey, (high-) way. (The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, James Strong, LL.D., S.T.D., Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1984.)

Jesus Christ (the Logos or *Spoken Word*) is the *only way* or the *only route* to the Father. The children of darkness cannot comprehend or apprehend Jesus Christ; therefore, they reject Him (God's *Spoken Word*) and they are lost and forever separated and wandering lost from the Father. However, the children of God walk the way Jesus walked and talk the way Jesus talked. Even as Jesus Christ is the manifestation of our Heavenly Father in the flesh, the children of God are the manifestation of Jesus Christ (God's *Spoken Word*) in the flesh, but only if we *speak* the Word of God. There is no other entrée to the Father except by *speaking* and *believing* His Word. We must *confess* the LORD Jesus and *believe* in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead.

Often times we know things *intuitively*. We know, but we do not understand how we know. Most of the time we acquire knowledge through experience, sometimes we have knowledge because someone we trust explains it to us and we believe them, and sometimes we just know. *Intuition* is when we *know*, without explanation or experience.

Intuition is the method the Holy Spirit uses to communicate to our spirit. Therefore, we can know something without being able to explain how we know something. If we trusted our *intuition*, we would stay out of a lot of trouble. Listening and being obedient to our *intuition* is all part of *Walking in the Spirit*.

I am reminded of the second temptation of Jesus Christ:

THEN THE DEVIL TAKETH HIM UP INTO THE HOLY CITY, AND SETTETH HIM ON A PINNACLE OF THE TEMPLE.

AND SAITH UNTO HIM, IF THOU BE THE SON OF GOD, CAST THYSELF DOWN: FOR IT IS WRITTEN, HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING THEE: AND IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR THEE UP, LEST AT ANY TIME THOU DASH THY FOOT AGAINST A STONE.

JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, IT IS WRITTEN AGAIN, THOU SHALT NOT TEMPT (TEST) THE LORD THY GOD.

MATTHEW 4:5-7

Could not the LORD Jesus Christ, who walked on the water and raised the dead, have jumped off the pinnacle without harm?

I dare say he could have, but then Jesus would have been disobedient to the *intuition* that God gave to all of us for our safety. One of the reasons that Jesus *Walked in the*

Spirit was because he trusted and obeyed his *intuition*. He listened to his *intuition* and did what he knew was right, *all the time!*

Our *Intuition* and our *conscience* are the sensing methods the Holy Spirit uses to communicate to our spirit. Our *Intuition* and *conscience* is how the Holy Spirit leads us towards God and Life and away from Hell and Death. *Intuition* and *conscience* are spiritual senses similar to our physical senses: sight, sound, taste, smell and touch, but the *intuition* and *conscience* are Spirit senses. There is a difficulty with this type of communication. We can *intuitively* know that something is wrong or right but we cannot explain how or why we know.

Intuition is how God communicates to our spirit, we have to simply trust and obey. A person who *intuitively* knows a thing can no more explain it to a person that does not use their *intuition*, than a sighted person can explain the colors red and blue to a person who has been blind all their life. The main difficulty with our *intuition* and *conscience* is that we can ignore using them and eventually they will cease to work. This is similar to someone who has been bedridden for a long period of time; if their feet and leg muscles are not exercised, eventually their muscles will atrophy and they will lose their ability to walk. Listen to what the Apostle Paul had to say about this:

NOW THE SPIRIT SPEAKETH EXPRESSLY, THAT IN THE LATTER TIMES SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH, GIVING HEED TO SEDUCING (DECEIVING) SPIRITS, AND DOCTRINES OF DEVILS; SPEAKING LIES IN HYPOCRISY; HAVING THEIR “CONSCIENCE” SEARED WITH A HOT IRON; FORBIDDING TO MARRY, AND COMMANDING TO ABSTAIN FROM MEATS (FOODS), WHICH GOD HATH CREATED TO BE RECEIVED WITH THANKSGIVING OF THEM WHICH BELIEVE AND KNOW THE TRUTH. (I TIMOTHY 4:1-3)

If you continually ignore your *conscience*, it will eventually stop working. The Apostle Paul compares it to having a part of your body seared with a hot iron. Imagine searing your eyes, ears, nose, or tongue with a hot iron. It would such cause great damage to these sense organs and they would become forever useless. That is why it becomes progressively harder for someone to be saved after years of hearing the gospel. It is not impossible because God can miraculously cause the blind to see and He can miraculously cause the deaf to hear. God can also miraculously save those who everyone else would believe were hopelessly lost sinners.

We can repair a damaged conscience by speaking God's Word to ourselves. The sensitivity we once possessed as children can be ours again. After we begin *Walking in the Spirit*, our conscience will gradually become more and more sensitive to the Holy Spirit. We will begin to desire the right things again and the wrong things will give us a feeling of dread. Our desires will begin to align with God's perfect will for our life.

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the spoken WORD OF GOD. See Romans 10:17. You will never hear the *Word* of God prior to being saved unless somebody *speaks* it to you. Your loved ones will never be saved unless you or somebody

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