

**“Teach Walking with God in Family Worship”; Session # 14 on Family Worship,
Presented by Pastor Paul Rendall on June 29th, 2014,
in the Adult Sunday School.**

1. Teach your children that walking with God is walking in Jesus.

Colossians 2: 6 and 7 – “As therefore you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

Jeremiah Burroughs Quote: “Walking with God causes the soul to follow God more as He reveals Himself. The soul that walks with God, as God reveals Himself unto it more and more, follows God more and more and still seeks to glorify God more and more. That’s walking! There is a progress in the ways of godliness where there is a walking. When the soul is first led by the hand of Jesus Christ to God and walks with Him, ‘tis sweet and comfortable! But still, as God reveals Himself more and more to the soul, the soul still grows up in godliness more and more, and still is more holy and more gracious, and honors God more in the life than it had formerly done. It gets nearer and nearer to heaven every day; this is to walk with God.” – A Treatise on Earthly-Mindedness, P. 200, 201

Romans 13: 11-14 – “And this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.” “The night is far spent, the day is at hand.” “Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.” “Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.” “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts.”

2. Teach your children that walking with God is taking steps of obedience to keep the commandments of God.

Psalms 119: 145 – “And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts.”

1st John 2: 3-6 – “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.” “He who says, ‘I know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.’ “But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him.” “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

Jeremiah Burroughs – “It’s a notable Scripture.” “The men of the world think that there is no walking at liberty except to satisfy their desire to the uttermost, to walk after their lusts, which is the Scripture phrase.” “No,” says David, “my liberty is this: I seek Thy precepts.” “A carnal heart thinks it is the greatest bondage in the world to seek the precepts of God and to conform to God’s precepts.” “That is bondage, to walk according to rules!” “No, said David, I’ll walk at liberty, for I seek Thy precepts.” “It’s an excellent argument of grace in the heart to account the precepts of God to be the greatest liberty to the soul.”

2nd Corinthians 6: 15 – “And what accord has Christ with Belial?” “Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?” “And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?” “For you are the temple of the living God.” “As God has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them.’ “I will

be their God, and they shall be My people.” “Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord Almighty.”

3. Teach your children that walking with God consists in communion with God.

1st John 1: 7 – “If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Psalm 63: 1-8 – “O God You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.” “So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.” “Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You.” “Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.” “My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.” “When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on you in the night watches.” “Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.” “My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.”

Jeremiah Burroughs -

“There is a notable Scripture in Psalm 63: 8 where David says, ‘My soul follows hard after Thee, O Lord.’ “Thy right hand upholds me.” “A poor child who walks with his father may be weak and cannot go as fast as he desires, but the father puts forth his hand, and takes hold of him, and so upholds and strengthens the child, and the child follows hard after the father. So it is here. “O Lord, Thy right hand upholds me.” “If it did not uphold me, I could not walk.” “But Thy right hand upholds me, and then my soul follows hard after Thee, and so increases in godliness more and more. Page 201 of *A treatise on Earthly-mindedness*.

I will close with some of the verses that I began this study with:

Psalm 78: 5 – “For God established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.”