

Walk with God!

## Ladies Prayer International Newsletter



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### I Desire My Children to Walk with God

By Diane Green



The Word of God references those such as Noah and Enoch who walked with Him (Genesis 5:24 and 6:9). God does not desire just a select few to walk with Him, but He desires everyone to have a relationship with Him, especially our children.

My family enjoys the outdoors, so it's important to me for my children and grandchildren to take time out of busy schedules and go camping together. It is a delight for me to go walking with the grandchildren and experience life from the eyes of a child. When I walk with them, we talk, laugh, and explore new things around us. There is joyfulness and excitement on our journey together. Just as we share an adventurous walk together, I believe we can share and express the same feelings to our children about walking with the Lord and having a relationship that is delightful and exciting.

Through prayer we can build a strong foundation in the lives of our children and grandchildren. We cover them in prayer and ask the Lord to give them a tender heart toward the things of God and a desire to walk in the paths of righteousness. As our children mature, we pray they will develop unwavering Christian character and learn to put their trust in God instead of people and things.

What happens when we walk with someone? Imagine that you and a close friend are enjoying a walk down a country lane. You are in close proximity. You talk, laugh, listen, and share your hearts. Your attention is focused on this person to the exclusion of almost everything else. You notice the beauty around you or an occasional distraction, but only to point it out to your companion. You share it together. You are in harmony, and you both enjoy the peaceful camaraderie.

To walk with God means you and God are in agreement about your life. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). To walk with God means you have aligned your will with His and seek every day to consider yourself "crucified with Christ" (Galatians 2:20).

It is not difficult to identify people who walk with God. Their lives are a stark contrast to the world around them, like stars in a nighttime sky (Philippians 2:15). They produce the fruit of the Spirit rather than the fruit of fleshly desire (Galatians 5:19-22).

In Acts 4:13 Peter and John had been arrested for preaching and were brought before the authorities. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus." When we walk with God every day, the world cannot help but recognize that, in spite of our imperfections and lack of knowledge in some areas, we have been with Jesus.

*Note: Diane Green serves as the Texas District Ladies Ministries president. She has three children, along with their spouses, and ten wonderful grandchildren. Her husband, Reverend Mark Green, pastors in Broadus, Texas.*

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## Walk with God

By by Terry Sedra



My husband and I often take brisk walks in the evening, my hand in his bent elbow. I like to lengthen my stride and adjust my speed to match his, until we are walking as one unit. I like the wonderful flowing feeling of going up and down together as we speed along our way.

Our goal in our spiritual walk with God is to adjust to his pace and direction until we are flowing with him. The more we move as one with God, the brighter our testimony to others. Parents, grandparents, teachers, or anyone who encounters children, we need to purposefully teach our children to walk smoothly and closely with God.

Enoch is one of just two men which the Bible tells us walked **with** God as opposed to walking **before** God, or walking **after** God. (The second man was Noah.) Enoch lived in the era of longevity. His father lived for 962 years, and Enoch's son lived for 969 years, but we read that Enoch's life on earth was cut short. He had a son when he was 65 years old, then for three hundred more years he "walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:24).

Evidently they talked as they walked, and God told Enoch things of the future. In Jude 14 we find that Enoch prophesied that "the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints." I can imagine that each walk brought him closer and closer to his God until he was continually thinking about him, getting directions to a life problem, communing with joy. God enjoyed the walks also. More information about Enoch is found in Hebrews 11:5.

"He had this testimony, that he pleased God." So God translated him, or took Enoch to be with him, bypassing death. What a great relationship the two had.

Let's encourage our children to develop a beautiful walking relationship with God.

1. Don't allow choices for attending church, praying together, and reading the Bible.
2. From birth, bring the child to the altar with you for prayer and worship. Hold their hand and walk or shout and jump together when the power falls.
3. Help them to daily take their petitions and problems to the Lord.
4. During everyday life activities point out evidences of God's attributes.

What joy we will experience together when we are translated to be with our God.

*Note: Teresa Sedra is the wife of Mokhles Sedra and mother of two sons. She and her husband are representatives working in Egypt.*

## **My Covering**

By Pam Dobbs



There is something about human nature that does not like the falling rain or any element of nature to forcefully pound down upon us. However, if we venture out into a rainstorm, hail, or snow without something to protect us, within seconds, we become soaked from the chilling element falling from the heavens. We understand that if we want to avoid becoming saturated with the falling rain, we must take advantage of some type of protection.

February 10 is recognized around the world as National Umbrella Day. Umbrellas and parasols are primarily handheld portable devices designed for covering. Isn't it amazing that such a common item has received worldwide recognition? Yet, this simple covering affords protection for millions of people. When walking out into the forceful rains, the key to staying dry is to remain under the protection of an umbrella. We find shelter from harsh weather conditions. By stepping out from under its protection, we open ourselves to the environment around us.

As a Holy Ghost filled child of God, I understand spiritual downpours will come. Each day I choose to place myself under His ultimate umbrella of protection. I choose to walk through this life hand in hand with God. From beneath the umbrella of His safety, I am honoring His authority and obeying His Word, while reaching out to the lost and dying.

I am reminded of the words of Psalm 23:6: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever." Let us lift up our heads from the storms of this present world and focus on Jesus as we dwell in the house of the Lord. While we walk close with Him under the protection of His umbrella, we declare to the elements around us, He is "my covering."

*Note: Pam DOBBS has served in ministry with her husband, Dr. Mike Dobbs, pastor of Word Alive Revival Center in Wiggins Mississippi for over 28 years. Pam has a passion for Ladies Ministries within the UPC. In 2001, she became part of the Mississippi District Ladies Committee and in 2009 was voted in as Ladies President. Pam & Mike have two children, Ashley and Adrian. They have three grandchildren, Aidan, Jaron and Joycelyn, who call her "MyMy".*

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## From the Mailbox

Dear Sis. Akers

I received the April ladies Newsletter today. One of the focus for National Women's Ministries of Australia this year is prayer for prodigals. We have a strategic prayer plan.

I have shared the newsletter on our NWM Facebook page.

God is doing great things! I received a praise report of one son who had not been in church for over two years. Was in church on Easter Sunday and allowed someone to pray for him!

We have created a data base of prodigals. Each person who submitted a prodigals name was given someone else's prodigals name to pray for. We update the list every 3-4 months. All details are kept private. Our ladies have been greatly encouraged to know that someone else is praying for their prodigal as well as them!

Blessings,  
Sis. Jena Grech, Women's Ministries President of Australlia

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Dear Sister Akers

I am missionary to Taiwan. We have all Chinese people and I know the ladies (and men) would love to have the Chinese version in traditional characters. Could you start sending these to me and I will print out and distribute them. Please send this one that I received today April 2016.

God Bless and keep up the great work that you Ladies do for us missionaries.

Rev, Leonard E. Richardson, Missionary, Taiwan

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## From the Editor



Debbie Akers

**God is doing mighty things!** God is opening many doors and this newsletter is now available in English, Spanish, French, German, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian, Greek, Arabic, Farsi, Czech, Chinese, Swahili, Hungarian, Tagalog, Indonesian, Romanian, Italian, Norwegian and Polish.

Please help us pray for a Serbian, Bulgarian and Japanese translators.

If you wish to receive any of the above translations please send request to [LadiesPrayerInternational@aol.com](mailto:LadiesPrayerInternational@aol.com) and we will be delighted to add you to our mailing list!

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Who we are . . . Since 1999: Ladies Prayer Intl. is made up of women worldwide, who meet on the first Monday of each month to unite in focused prayer for their children and the children of the local church and community.

Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38)

### Ministries we support...

#### TUPELO CHILDREN'S MANSION

Children live in an environment with opportunity to grow spiritually, physically and emotionally.

**NEW BEGINNINGS** Maternity care for birthmothers considering adoption and child placement for adoptive couples.

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