

Sermon series: From the Garden to the Cross

Text: Various

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The Story of the Walk

Big Idea: There is fullness of joy in walking with God both now and forever! "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:11)

WALKING WITH GOD
1 In the (Genesis 3:8)
WALKING WITH GOD IN THE GARDEN WAS
2 After the (Genesis 28:12-17)
WALKING WITH GOD AFTER THE FALL WAS
3Through the (Exodus 25:8)
WALKING WITH GOD THROUGH THE TABERNACLE WAS
4With (John 1:1-3, 14; 1 John 1:1-3)
WALKING WITH GOD WITH JESUS WAS
5Because of the (Romans 5:1-2, 6-11)
WALKING WITH GOD BECAUSE OF THE CROSS IS
6ln (Revelation 21:3)
WALKING WITH GOD IN ETERNITY WILL BE



Describe your most memorable walk. Where was it? Who were you with? What made it so special? How did you feel while you were on that walk?

What do you think of when someone says, "Walk with me"? Is your first thought physically walking with them or "relationally" walking with them? Is there a relationship between the two? If so, what is it? If not, why not?

Do you agree with Blaise Pascal's statement that "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man, which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ."? If so, how have you experienced this in your own life? How does it stand against the backdrop of Psalm 16:11? What do you think about God creating us for fellowship with Him. . . to walk with Him?

After the Fall, people struggled to find a way back to God. . .they craved His presence. In your own life, where have you seen a feeling of distance between you and God and how did you try to restore that closeness? Was it successful? Why or why not?

Given the fact that God expelled Adam and Eve from the Garden because of their disobedience, that the relationship between them and God went from horizontal to vertical, and that God separated Himself from them because of their sin, what is the significance of God coming to "dwell" with people in the tabernacle and in the person of Jesus? How does that make you feel knowing that God came to us despite our sin?

Many times, when we think of salvation we only think of what we are saved **from** (our sins, eternity separation from God, hell, etc.). But the Bible clearly shows that there is more to it than that. Through what we discovered in the Story of the Walk, what are we saved **for**? In other words, what is the REASON we are saved? Why is that so important?

How does the celebration "Communion" connect with the concept of fellowship (walking) with God? What are we really celebrating when we eat the bread and drink the wine?

Either individually or with your CARE group, read **Revelation 21-22**. How does the picture of what you see in these chapters connect to and complete what we read about in Genesis 1-2? In other words, how does what God planned in Genesis find completion in Revelation? What are 3 surprising things you see in those chapters? What excited you the most? What questions did it provoke?

What are you most excited about in walking with God in Heaven for all eternity?