

Walk this Way: Truth and Love

2 John

Read 2 John 1:4-5 and then verse 3

Intro: Walking Songs

The Tension of Truth and Love

Why is walking in truth so important?

Why is love so important?

Why is marriage of these two words, “truth and love,” so important to John and to us?

Circle of Biblical Tension - the value of biblical tension

Walking with God – in Truth and Love – in a valuable Tension

Table Exercise: Read these scriptures (handout) – what do they tell us about:

How to walk?

With whom to walk?

Where to walk?

How did Jesus Model Walking with God? (handout)

How are you walking? How can you keep walking appropriately? What are some additional streets the Lord wants you to walk down?

Jesus' Follow Me Statements

Do a search using Bible Gateway in Jesus saying "follow Me" – Just keep the times Jesus actually called people or was spoke (red letters) about people following Him. You will find: MT (7x); Mk (4x); Lk (4x); John (7x);

Matthew 4:19 And he said to them, "**Follow me**, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 8:22 And Jesus said to him, "**Follow me**, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

Matthew 9:9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "**Follow me**." And he rose and followed him.

Matthew 10:38 And whoever does not take his cross and **follow me** is not worthy of me.

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and **follow me**."

Matthew 19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, **follow me**."

Matthew 19:28 Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have **followed me** will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Mark 2:14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

Mark 8:34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Mark 10:21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

Luke 5:27 After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me."

Luke 9:23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Luke 9:59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

Luke 18:22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

John 1:43 [Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael] The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

John 8:12 (doesn't really say follow me explicitly, but who wouldn't want the light of life?!) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

John 12:26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

John 13:36 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward."

John 21:19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

John 21:22 Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!"

So that is 22 times right there. In the context of John 21:15–25, the last conversation Jesus has with his disciples (as recorded by John), he says "Follow Me" twice. There's definitely, something to the fact that the Gospels state and restate "follow Me."



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THURSDAYS, JAN 11 - MAY 2 @ 6:30-7:30A
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WALKING IN THE LIGHT

DISCOVERING TRUTHS FROM 1-3 JOHN

Walk this Way



2 John

The Elder:

To the elect lady and her children: I love all of you in the truth—and not only I, but also all who have come to know the truth— 2 because of the truth that remains in us and will be with us forever.

3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I was very glad to find some of your children walking in the truth, in keeping with a command we have received from the Father. 5 So now I urge you, dear lady—not as if I were writing you a new command, but one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. 6 And this is love: that we walk according to His commands. This is the command as you have heard it from the beginning: you must walk in love.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ.

Matthew 7:24-27

24 “Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of Mine and doesn’t act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. And its collapse was great!”

Walking with God in Truth & Love

Table Exercise

Walking Thru Scriptures

Does this scripture tell you:

How to walk?

With whom to walk?

Where to walk?

Deuteronomy 5:33

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Deuteronomy 8:6

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Deuteronomy 30:16

Joshua 22:5

1 Kings 2:3

Psalms 1:1

Psalms 15:2-3

Psalms 23:4

Psalms 119:1

Psalms 119:45

Psalms 128:1

Psalms 143:8

Proverbs 2:7

Proverbs 6:28

Proverbs 10:9

Proverbs 13:20

Isaiah 35:8

Isaiah 40:31

Isaiah 43:2

Jeremiah 6:16

Ezekiel 36:27

Daniel 4:37

Hosea 14:9

Habakkuk 3:19

Micah 6:8

John 8:12

Galatians 5:16

Galatians 5:25

Ephesians 2:10

Ephesians 5:2

Ephesians 5:8

Ephesians 5:15-16

1 John 1:6

1 John 1:7

3 John 1:4

**How did Jesus model walking
with God?**

Discussion Questions

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