

# Walking with God - Never Alone 3: The Mirror

Online Service June 6–7, 2020

**He has shown you**, O mortal, **what is good**. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and **to walk humbly with your God**.  
— Micah 6:8

**“Direct my footsteps** according to your word; let no sin rule over me.”  
— Psalm 119:133

## Directions

### I. Discovering God's Word — *A Spiritual GPS*

**2 Kings 22:1, 8, 11, 13** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years...

<sup>8</sup> Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, “I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord.” He gave it to Shaphan, who read it.

<sup>11</sup> When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes.

<sup>13</sup> “Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger that burns against us because those who have gone before us have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us.”

## God's Word always brings us to a decision

## I'm here to invite you to Rediscover God's Word

### II. The Mirror — *A Spiritual Trainer*

**James 1:22–24** (NIV) <sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

## God's Word deserves my Attention

## God's Word Reads ME

**Matthew 7:4** (NIV) <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

### III. The Sword — *A Weapon for Temptation*

**Hebrews 4:12** (NIV) <sup>12</sup> For the **word of God** is alive and active. Sharper than any **double-edged sword**, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

## Designed to deliver our hearts

**Luke 4:18-19, 21** (NIV) <sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

<sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

## Scripture fulfilled brings good news

**Ephesians 6:17** (NIV) <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

## Weapon for spiritual freedom

**Matthew 4:4** <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

## Jesus trusted God's Word when tempted

- **Watch our TV Program “Growing Closer to God” on NBC 4 Sundays at 12 Noon**

### **This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):**

- Sat Rest  Sun Luke 3:1-20; 2 Chron 9-12
- Mon Luke 3:21-38; 2 Chron 13-17  Tue Luke 4:1-12; 2 Chron 18-20
- Wed Luke 4:13-30; 2 Chron 21-24  Thur Luke 4:31-37; 2 Chron 25-27
- Fri Luke 4:38-44; 2 Chron 28-31  Sat Rest