

Living the Christian Life

Sundays@9 – November 13, 2022

Week 3 – Walking and Weeping

Walking with God through Suffering

- Walking – one of the main metaphors the Bible gives us for facing affliction
- Walking in darkness
 - Ps 23:4
 - Isa 50:10
- Walking carefully on slippery and dangerous mountain paths – Ps 73:2
- Passing through deep waters – Ps 124:1, 4
- Walking through fire
 - Ps 66:10 - For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
 - "tested" – Hebrew verb *bachan* – literally means to test metals by melting them
 - "tried" – Hebrew verb *tsaraf* – to refine, smelt, test.
 - Isa 43:2-3, 5
 - 1 Pet 1:6-7; 4:12, 19; 5:10
- God walks *with us* in the furnace – Daniel 3



- Ways to walk with God

Weeping

- Lament is biblical
 - Ps 44:23; 89:49
 - Job 1:20-22; 3:1; 42:7-9
- Lament and the bruised reed
 - Isa 42:1, 3
 - “bruised” – Hebrew *ratsats* – shattered, crushed
 - Ps 147:3
 - 1 Kgs 19
- Weeping in the dark
 - Ps 88
 - Ps 39:13 ... in the light of Matt 27:45-46; Heb 13:5
- Grieving and rejoicing
 - 1 Pet 1:3-7