

Enoch: The Walk of Faith

Hebrews 11:5,6

Introduction

Enoch is the next character of faith in Hebrews 11. He was a man who lived his life in alignment with God and experienced a deep ongoing relationship with Him. God is a triune being and has always operated within the context of a relationship. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, exist in relationship perpetually and God desires for us to have an ongoing relational experience with Him as well. Walking with God means that we have a shared experience or hold something in common with Him. It implies that we are on the same page, exist in harmony, or have fellowship with Him. Simply put, if we walk with God, we are headed in the same direction He is.

Walking with God is more than just knowing a few Bible verses about Him, going to church, or being a religious person. It's doesn't necessarily mean that you have to have devotions everyday rather, walking with God implies that communication with Him is on-going. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to "pray without ceasing," not to fulfill a religious obligation, but so that we might keep constant contact with the Father and have our level of intimacy naturally increase. Walking with God implies that we are in a continual exchange with Him, enjoying a freedom to be honest with and Him with us.

Enoch walked with God when nobody else did. Sometimes, in order to walk by faith, you have to walk by yourself. Enoch chose to walk with God; instead of pleasing his culture, family, or friends, he chose to please God. He chose to not let the world around him conform him to its image. Enoch was willing to be a lone person in an evil environment. Don't let the values of this world system become your values. This world won't last. We must choose to walk with God even when it mean being counter-cultural.

When we choose to walk with God, and proceed in agreement, with who He is, and what He requires, we then have the opportunity to experience His supernatural intervention. Because Enoch walked with God, he had the supernatural experience of escaping death. Hebrews 11:6 says, "He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Seeking God and living a life of faith does have its rewards.

Getting Started

1. Is there anyone in your life who has an "Enoch-like" faith? How can you tell?
2. What does your prayer life look like? Do you spend designated time talking to God or is it a continually conversation as you go through your day? Do you feel that you pray enough?

Let's Get Personal

1. Enoch walked in agreement with God. He was in alignment with God and therefore was headed where God was headed. Are you currently walking in agreement with God? Why or why not?
2. Enoch walked with God when nobody else did. Do you feel as though you are alone as you seek to please God?
3. Have you ever experienced God's supernatural intervention? If so, share with your group.

Take the Next Step

1. Enoch experienced God in a special way because He was in alignment with Him. What change can you make in your walk with God in agreement with His will for your life?
2. What can you do this week to make room for more time to talk to God and to "pray without ceasing"?

Renew Your Mind

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen..." Hebrews 11:1
