MESSAGE ONE

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God's faithfulness has nothing whatsoever to do with our circumstances.

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Paton said: "This is strength; — this is peace: — to feel, in entering on every day, that all its duties and trials have been committed to the Lord Jesus, — that, come what may, He will use us for His glory and our own real good!"

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Walking by faith means trusting the Lord that no matter what comes, God is going to work it out for His glory and our good.

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"Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:5-8

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Key verse: "For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

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"Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee."

2 Corinthians 5:5

The word for guarantee here is a downpayment on something... Actually it depicts an engagement ring!!

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Believer, every single moment of your life right now here on earth is governed by walking by faith.

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The ancient Greek word for walk is *peripateó* which means "to make one's way, to progress; to make due use of opportunities."

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The Christian life has become synonymous with this term THE WALK.

Our walk with Christ BEGINS at the moment we receive Christ as Savior.

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Lesson One: We need to walk by faith for the secular, not just the sacred.

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Walking by faith is acting like God is telling the truth.

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Lesson Two: Every Christian's walk MUST involve forward progress.

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Is our fear of failure or of the unknown keeping us from walking by faith?

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"Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you."

Genesis 12:1

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"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:2

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Lesson Three: Walking by faith means walking in confidence.

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"So we are always <u>confident</u>, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are <u>confident</u>, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Faith is acting like something IS so, even when it is NOT so, in order that it might BE so, simply because God said so!

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Jesus will never lead you somewhere he has not already gone before you.

"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."

Hebrews 4:15

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Jesus will never call you to walk somewhere where He will not go with us. Never.

"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, <u>I am with you always</u>, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20