God Walk – A Journey of Faith

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Mini Lesson Two:

Going In Circles

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Lesson Two – Going in circles

When my children were small our family took a cross country trip. We were traveling US 50 across Utah. There had been a tremendous amount of rain that year and an 80 mile section of the highway was closed because of flooding. There were detour signs everywhere so it was very difficult to miss them. We had stopped for the night and soon after breakfast we were off on our journey again. The sign indicated the direction to go to get to US 50. I followed the sign and finally came to the highway 73 miles later.

I had a bit of panic when I saw that the road was blocked going West (the direction I was traveling) and there was a sign that said, “US 50 West closed.” Then there was a sign that pointed in the direction from which we had just come. I was a bit confused until I realized that I had inadvertently taken the East detour instead of the West detour. We were back in the same town where we had eaten breakfast just in time for lunch.

Our problem was that we knew where we were going but we didn’t know where we were. It is a fact that if you don’t know where you are you will not be able to get to where you are going.

Some years ago Jane and I were working with very needy people. I would write an inspirational message every week and pass them out to the people we were working with in this particular apartment complex. One day I had brought a bag of groceries to a young family we were working with and Bobby said, “Paul, come in there is something we want to talk to you about.” When I got inside he said, “I read that pamphlet you gave us last week and told Michelle, ‘Look at this. This is us.’”

The little pamphlet I gave him was titled, “You’ve got to know where you are to get to where you’re going.” One of the things I talked about was that as we go through life we are going in circles of experience. When we learn the lessons God is trying to teach in one circle he will move us into another circle. If we never learn the lesson God is trying to teach us he will keep us in that circle until we learn the lesson.

Bobby told me that he and Michelle were constantly becoming homeless. They would get an apartment, start messing with drugs, get behind in their rent and be evicted. They would be homeless for a time living in their car until they could get someone to rent them an apartment and the cycle would be repeated over and over again. Bobby said he wanted to break that cycle and stop going in that circle. He asked, “How do I break out of this circle?” That day I sat down with Bobby and Michelle and explained how Jesus wanted to renew their hope, heal their hurts and renew their dreams – God wanted to help them break the cycle of homelessness.

Bobby and Michelle had to come to the place that they were willing to take a serious look at where they were in order to make progress toward where they wanted to be. That is the place all of us must come to if we are going to be successful in overcoming undesirable behaviors.

Many of us, and you may be one of those, realize we are in a pattern of behavior that we have not been able to break and we are frustrated. If that is you, or if you know someone who is there, then you will be blessed by the full text of God Walk – A Journey of Faith.

In the Book we talk about denial, how to recognize it and how to overcome it. We also talk about to use the Bible as a road map to success in overcoming behaviors that that you do

not want. Another principle we explore is God's plan for your life that includes success not failure.

There are many principles of living the overcoming life in the God Walk – A Journey of Faith book and materials. I encourage you to take full advantage of what is available to you.

If you want to order a hard copy of the book and workbook go to the same web page that started you on this journey and scroll to the bottom. There is information there that will help you purchase this valuable resource.

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It is our hope that these few short lessons will give you the motivation you need to move forward in the process of reconciliation, renewal and restoration. Don't stop now – continue through the entire set of lessons .

The next lesson you will receive is:

How Do I Know I Have A Need?

- You know you have a problem when….
- In this lesson we explore denial – No, it is not a river in Egypt.
- We will help answer the question, "What do I do about my problem?"

I encourage you to continue these lessons – They are vital to continued success on your journey of faith.

Questions to ask yourself:

- **Do I have behavior patterns in my life that frustrate me?**
- **Do my family and/or friends make negative comments about some of my behaviors?**
- **Would I stop doing some things if I just had the discipline or will power?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions you will find answers as you continue through this series

If you have any questions, or you want to know more about the God Walk program send us an email. If you just want to make comments about what you are learning feel free to send us a message:

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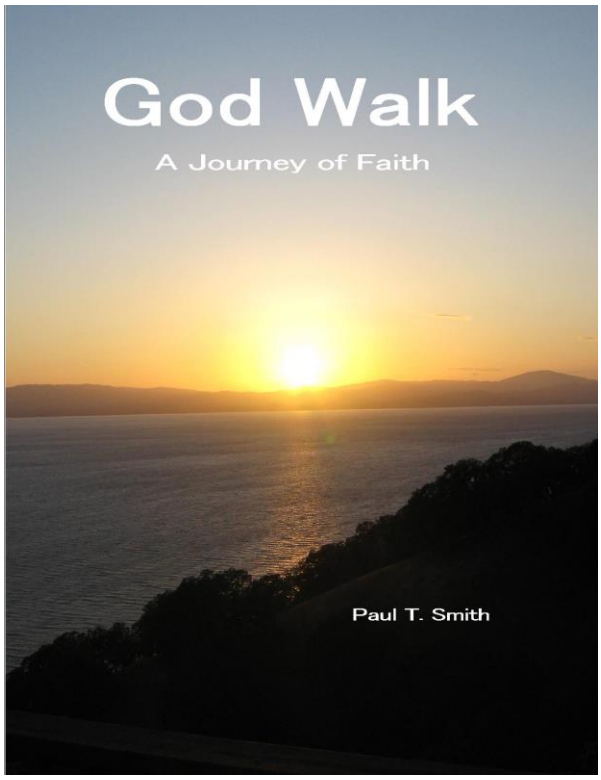

A pastor who edited the book before it published: "I was so moved by the book that I made changes in my own life."

Another pastor: "This is the best material for overcoming undesirable behaviors I have come across."

A person in recovery: "I love the text and workbook format. I have learned so much more with the God Walk book than I have any other books I have read."

If you have liked what you have read so far I would encourage you to continue this short lessons from the God Walk - A Journey of Faith book.

You can get a look at the first chapter of the printed version - Just http://nhmresources.org/20-04-Chapter-01.pdf

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