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## KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



### Walk This Way

When I use the phrase “walk this way”, I am not referring to the song by Aerosmith. I am thinking about a brief comment Steve made as a side note in class last Sunday. He said you cannot walk with God and with Satan because they are traveling in opposite directions. This got me thinking about all the ramifications of that concept and how the scriptures might shed more light on it.

#### Walking with God

-Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life” (John 8:12).

-In Romans 6:4, Paul wrote, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

-Philippians 3:17 states, “Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.”

-John declared, “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:17). John goes on to say, “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked” (1 John 2:6).

#### Walking with Satan

-Jesus indicated in John 8:12 that not walking with Him was to walk in darkness.

-Ephesians 2:2 states, “In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.”

-“For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies” (2 Thessalonians 3:11).

-Peter reminds us that “...the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority” (2 Peter 2:9-10).

So, when I say, “walk this way,” are you walking with the apostles, Jesus, and God towards heaven, OR are you walking with Satan and his cohorts towards eternal hell?

-Gregg Woodall

<b>Keep these Dates in Mind</b>	<b>Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>	
06/07 Monthly Potluck 06/09 Hand & Foot Get Together 06/13 Men's Business Mtg.	Fran Henniger 6/7 Phyllis Hubbard 6/10 Craig Bolt 6/15 Jack & Wanda Danley 6/15 Debbie Sewell 6/17 Ken & Sallie Winstead 6/17	Trinity Sullins 6/20 David & Ethel Nelson 6/27 Zoe Woodward 6/28 Karen McBurney 6/30 Shannon Mendoza 6/30
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singings</b>	<b>Bible Studies</b>	
May 31 – Pendleton Aug 30 – Hermiston Nov 29 - Kennewick	<b>Adult Bible Classes</b> (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 2nd Timothy Wed pm (7:00p) - Amos	<b>Ladies Class</b> Ladies class - Classes begin again in September

**For us to remember:**

- **Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Queca Woods, Paul Mays, Jonni Marcotte, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza** (Danny's cousin), **Lupe Mendoza, Jackson Ward** (Josh Mendoza's friend),
- **Jim Preston** has a lung infection that requires antibiotic infusions. The side effects are worse than expected. Keep Jim and Holly in your prayers.
- **Doreen Martinez** A spot was found on her spine. Keep her in your prayers as she continues to be treated for cancer
- Teens if you are interested in going to camp this year, see Shannon Mendoza or Delina Woodward
- Next Congregational meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup> keep that date in mind

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>Communion Thought (Devotional)</b>	<b>Lord's Supper</b>	<b>Closing Prayer</b>
This week	J. Wilson	L. Moore	J. Danley	G. Keever K. Winstead	B. Lafferty
Next Week	H. Jones	D. Mendoza	J. Wilson	J. Danley L. Moore	D. McLaughlin

### Spiritual Growth: Add Perseverance

It is one thing to begin doing what is right—it is another to keep doing it. That is why Peter says to “add...to self-control perseverance” (2 Pet. 1:6). Perseverance (or “steadfastness,” ESV) means endurance. The Greek word carries the idea of “remaining under” or bearing up under pressure. It is the ability to stay faithful through trials and difficulties.

This quality is more than passive endurance. It is not simply “grin and bear it.” It is active persistence—a determination to press forward toward the destination despite obstacles. This is essential to spiritual growth. Self-control helps us do what is right today—perseverance helps us keep doing it tomorrow and the next day and the next. Without perseverance, early progress can be lost.

Scripture emphasizes how necessary this quality is, as we are to “let patience have its perfect work” so that we may be complete (Jas. 1:4), and we are to bear fruit “with patience” (Luke 8:15). Eternal life itself is promised to those who patiently continue in doing good (Rom. 2:7; Heb. 10:36). We must preserve in two key arenas: trials and temptations. Trials can discourage us and tempt us to give up. Temptations can distract us and pull us away. Both can render us unfruitful if we do not remain steadfast.

So how do we develop perseverance? First, through the Word of God. Scripture provides both encouragement and hope, helping us endure (Rom. 15:4). As we fill our minds with God’s promises, we are strengthened to keep going.

Second, through the right perspective. We must look to Jesus, who endured the cross and now reigns in glory (Heb. 12:1-2). We must also remember the examples of faithful servants who endured before us (Jas. 5:10-11). Their lives remind us that perseverance is possible—and worth it.

Third, through trials themselves. We do not welcome difficulties, but they play a role in shaping endurance (Rom. 5:3-4). Trials test and strengthen our faith, preparing us for greater challenges ahead.

Fourth, through encouragement from others. Fellowship with fellow Christians helps us remain faithful. Through exhortation and shared strength, we are better equipped to endure (Heb. 3:12-14; 10:24-25).

Finally, perseverance grows when we focus on the future. The trials of this life are temporary, but the reward is eternal (2 Cor. 4:16-18). That perspective helps us press on.

Perseverance is demonstrated when we remain faithful in both difficult and distracting circumstances—continuing to serve God and moving forward no matter what. If we are to reach the goal, we must not quit.~David Sproule

### Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
05/27	J. Mendoza	D. McLaughlin	06/24	D. Mendoza	L. Moore
06/03	D. Mendoza	B. Lafferty	07/01	C. Sullins	J. Wilson
06/10	L. Moore	C. Sullins	07/08	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
06/17	C. Sullins	J. Danley	07/15	L. Moore	D. Mendoza

