



Living Walking Serving

FAITH AND GRACE CHURCH

BIBLE STUDY NOTE ON LIVING WALKING AND SERVING

STUDY 20-24: LIVING PT.2-HOW TO LIVE IN SUCH A TIME AS THIS (Cont'd)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Exo. 9:14, 16, 12:13; 15:26, Lev. 26:21, 25, Num. 16:49 and 25:9, Deut. 28:22, 2 Chron. 7:13-14, Rom. 3:10, 8:4, 28-29, 11:36, 13:14, Lk. 21:8-11, Rev. 11:6; 16, Gen. 5:24, 6:9, Eph. 2:2; Col. 3:7, Mic. 6:8, Heb. 10:22, 12:2, Amos 3:3, KJV, Gal.2:20, 5:16, 19-22, Ps.1:1-3, Matt.7:13-14, 1Cor.10:31, Phil.2:15, Acts 4:14,

What the bible teaches about pandemic diseases

The Bible, particularly the Old Testament, describes numerous occasions when God brought plagues and diseases on His people and on His enemies "to make you see my power" (Exodus 9:14, 16). He used plagues on Egypt to force Pharaoh to free the Israelites from bondage, while sparing His people from being affected by them (Exodus 12:13; 15:26), thus indicating His sovereign control over diseases and other afflictions.

God also warned His people of the consequences of disobedience, including plagues (Leviticus 26:21, 25, Numbers 16:49 and 25:9, Deuteronomy 28:22).

It's sometimes hard to imagine our loving and merciful God displaying such wrath and anger toward His people. But God's punishments always have the goal of repentance and restoration. (2 Chronicles 7:13-14)

Whether or not a pandemic has a specific spiritual cause, or God's specific judgment of sin, God has sovereign control over all things (Romans 11:36) and will work all things together for the good of those who know and love Him (Romans 8:28).

The spread of sicknesses such as Ebola and the coronavirus is a foretaste of pandemics that will be part of the end times. Jesus referred to future plagues associated with the last days (Luke 21:8-11). The two witnesses of Revelation 11 will have power "to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want" (Revelation 11:6). Seven angels will pour out seven bowls of plagues in a series of final, severe judgments described in Revelation 16.

What history says about Pandemic – Check the internet for more information

How to live right as Christian in such a time as this

The only way to live right and live ready is to walk with God.

LIVING RIGHT = LIVING READY = WALKING WITH GOD

There are several people described as "walking with God" in the Bible, beginning with Enoch in Genesis 5:24. Noah is another (Genesis 6:9).

What is walking with God?

When the Bible speaks of "walking," it often refers to a lifestyle. Ephesians 2:2; Colossians 3:7

Discuss: How would you describe the lifestyle of the people in the time of Enoch and Noah?

Walking with God is not an activity reserved for a select few. God desires all of His children to walk with Him. Micah 6:8

Discuss: What happens when we walk with someone?

Walking with God is like walking with someone. When we enter into an intimate heart relationship with God through faith in His Son (Hebrews 10:22), He becomes our heart's greatest desire. Knowing Him, hearing His voice, sharing our hearts with Him, and seeking to please Him become our all-consuming focus. He becomes everything to us. Meeting with Him is not an activity reserved for Sunday morning. We live to fellowship with Him. A. W. Tozer states that the goal of every Christian should be to "live in a state of unbroken worship." This is only possible when we walk with God.

Discuss and Share: To walk with God requires saying "no" to many other things. To walk with God means that you and God are in agreement about your life. (Amos 3:3, KJV). To walk with God means you have aligned your will with His and seek every day to consider yourself "crucified with Christ" (Galatians 2:20). You don't have to be perfect, as none of us are (Romans 3:10). But your heart's desire is to be pleasing to God, and you are willing to let His Spirit conform you to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29).

In the New Testament, walking with God is often called "walking in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:4).

To walk with God means we choose to glorify Him in every way we can, regardless of personal cost. And there is a cost.

Walking with God also means we cannot also walk with evil people as companions (Psalm 1:1-3).

We choose the narrow road over the broad way to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14).

We don't live to please our sinful flesh (Romans 13:14). We seek to eliminate from our lives everything that does not enhance our walk with Him (Hebrews 12:2). We apply 1 Corinthians 10:31 literally. God's ways are reflected in our thoughts, our actions, our motivations, and our life choices because we spend so much time with Him.

how do you identify people who walk with God?

It is not difficult to identify people who walk with God. Their lives are a stark contrast to the world around them, like stars in a nighttime sky (Philippians 2:15).

They produce the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) rather than the fruit of fleshly desire (Galatians 5:19-21). Like Peter and John, when we walk with God every day, the world cannot help but recognize that, in spite of our imperfections and lack of knowledge in some areas, we have been with Jesus. Acts 4:13