

# Psalms 1:1-3

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Thank you, Taylor. I appreciate that great song on the Old Rugged Cross. If you have your Bibles this morning, you are probably already ahead of me on this one. You want to turn to Psalms 1. You will remember that last week we started our study of the book of Psalms itself. Two weeks ago, I gave you a pretty intense introduction to the book of Psalms. I want the book of Psalms to be everything that I can make it to be for you. I think it is probably, as I have already stated, one of the, if not the, key book in the Bible that you really need to have what I call a working knowledge on.

We looked at Psalms 1 and we looked at the first three verses. Just to be familiar again with it, it says, "Let's pray."

Father, we thank and praise You for the Lord Jesus. Thank You for today. Thank You for the folks that have come out today, and thank You for this beautiful morning and everything that You have given us and the blessings that You have for us. Help us today, Father, to come to the Word of God honestly, to look at it honestly, and then to honestly apply it to our own hearts. We will be careful to give You all the honor and the praise. Forgive us where we have failed Thee. Put us under the blood today. Anything in our lives that is not made clean, make it clean. Father, give us an open heart that is clean and clearly able to receive the truth of the Word of God. We will thank You and praise You in Jesus' name, for His sake we ask it. Amen.

## I. The Walk with God: Agreement and Illustration

Now, we did not get very far last week. We got into verse one and we never got out of verse one. We are going to finish up verse one today, and I am in no hurry to blow through this. We needed to see some things because I want you to understand the real key of what the book of Psalms will do for you. Every book in the Bible from God has an intended purpose. Sometimes there are multiple intentions that God has for us, but in Psalms, as I showed you last week and the week before, it is dealing with the blessings of God in our lives, but those blessings are based on our walk with God through this life.

I showed you how that in the Bible, God will always illustrate the principles. In this case, you have two men in the Bible who were specifically told how to walk with God. I know that there are many men in the Bible and women who had a great walk with God, but in the Bible, when you are studying it, you always want to pay attention when God specifically draws your attention to something or somebody.

I showed you how that the first one was Enoch in Genesis 5. The second one was Noah in Genesis 6. I showed you again how their lives are built into the stories of the Bible to show us one of the key doctrines of the Bible: the pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Enoch is a picture of the church. Enoch walked with God, and it was not because God took him. He is a picture of what our life should be in our walk with God. Then one day God is going to take us out through the rapture.

Then what happens? Then we find Noah, and Noah now represents the nation of Israel going through the tribulation period. We find that the flood there, and I gave you all the references, are tied in the Bible to the tribulation period and back in the Old Testament. Again, we saw how that the very stories in the Bible and the individuals in those stories not only teach us about a walk with God, which we are going to get into today, but all the Bible protects the great key doctrines of the Word of God.

I gave you the key verse in Psalms 118:8, where it says,

*Psalms 118:8*

*It is better to trust in the LORD*

*than to put confidence in man.*

That is a great verse for everybody. It is one that you ought to memorize and certainly have marked in your Bible. I showed you how a walk with God is simply going to depend on our walking in the light of the Word of God.

*1 John 1:7*

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

This is a key verse for our walk. Then I gave you the key verse as far as I am concerned. This is the definitive verse that really tells you what a walk with God is.

*Amos 3:3*

*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*

This is one of those little verses just tucked back in a little book in Amos that nobody hardly ever reads, nobody ever looks at, but yet the impact of that verse will determine if we really do have a walk with God because He says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Our being in agreement with God will be actually the key to everything in our relationship, not us bringing God into agreement with us. That is what a lot of God's people want to do. That is what Christianity wants to do today. The whole world wants to do that. They want to change the great eternal principles of God and make Him conform to what our lives, what we want to be, and it will never work that way. Rather, God takes each one of us, transforming us through the Word of God to be in agreement with Him. We know we do that by, as the Bible says over and over, getting the mind of Christ.

We look at our salvation. Many times we do not think of it this way, but if you are saved this morning, if there was a time in your life where you trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Savior, when you got saved, you simply entered into an agreement with God. There were some things that you had to agree with God with before you could be saved. First of all, you had to agree that you were a sinner. The Bible says,

*Romans 3:23*

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

You had to agree to that. Then you had to agree to the fact that as a sinner, you deserve to die and go to hell. None of us deserve to go to Heaven. We had to be in agreement with God with that. Then we had to be in agreement that there is no other way we can get to Heaven other than through the cross. It was the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, that cleanses us from all sin. We had to be in agreement with God on those things. So salvation, however you want to play it out, go to Romans 10, go wherever you want to go. But at the end of it, salvation is our agreement with God on our spiritual condition and entrusting Him as our own personal Savior.

Now, after salvation, we enter into another agreement with God. That agreement has to do with some things that if we are going to walk with God, we have to be in agreement with. God will always keep His end of the bargain. He will always keep His end of the agreement. We do not. Here is the problem. This is where we get into problems today in the idea of having a real biblical walk with God when in reality we do not.

You are told in 1 John 5:5 that on Earth there are three things that salvation is built on. Then we are told that these three agree in one agreement with God.

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

This is a familiar verse to all of us. When we get saved, some things changed about us or were supposed to. That is really part of the problem today. We have a lot of God's people who claim to be saved, but nothing really changed about them.

I told you last week, this church, my ministry, is here to help you go from the baby steps of your first being saved and being a baby in Christ, just like when you have a little baby and it cannot walk and everybody has to carry it around and feed it. That is the way young Christians are. But there comes a time that that little baby starts to take its first steps. Mom and Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, now with your iPhones, you can take videos of it. You send it to everybody in the family, "Baby so-and-so, taking their first baby steps." How exciting it must be for God to see His children who just get saved begin to take their first baby steps. My job, the job of this church, my ministry, is to take those baby steps when you first start to step out and develop them into a walk with God, because that is what it is all about. That is what God desires. That is what He wants.

In fact, we talked about Discipleship One and Discipleship Two. In our Discipleship Two lesson, there are seven things that changed about you the day you got saved. It is a thing where these seven changes are what is new about you when it says that you are a new creature in Christ Jesus. It is in these seven changes that you find, once you understand them, once you see them, you find within these what we should be in agreement with God with.

It is so simple. When a husband and wife are not in agreement, you know what happens? You get into an argument. You get into a fight. If it continues on for many, many years, you wind up

getting a divorce. When you work with your boss and you are not in agreement on your job, you want to do it this way, he says you do it this way. When you cannot come to an agreement, you are going to have to find another job. With your kids, if you do not get an agreement with your kids of what their life is going to be and what they should be, and train them to be in agreement with you on it, you are going to lose your kids to the world. When you are not in agreement with God in His Word, it is not rocket science. When you are not in agreement with God in His Word, there is no walk with God.

## II. The Devil's Deception and Laodicean Christianity

Here is what we are up against today, just so you understand. First off, the devil will do everything to keep you from getting saved. He does not want you to trust Christ as your own personal Savior. He wants you to be steeped in religion, steeped in tradition, steeped in doing a lot of things that look like it is Christian, but he does not want you to come to the place in your life where you enter into an agreement with God about your salvation.

But when that happens, and you do, and he now knows that he loses you eternally forever, he just plays the odds because the second thing that he is going to do if he loses the first battle is he is now going to keep you from ever having a real walk with God. He knows that maybe he has lost you into the fires of hell, but if he could keep you from ever developing a relationship and walking with God, though he may lose you in hell, there will be hundreds, if not thousands, of people throughout your life that you would have had an opportunity to bring to Christ if you walked with God.

The Laodicean church today, and we all know what that church is. I do not have to spend a lot of time. We have talked about it many, many times, but it will produce five false areas in Christianity today.

- The first thing it produces is a false Bible. If you want a right Bible, you go to the book of Acts and you can find it.
- The second thing it produces is a false church. You can also find that in the book of Acts if you are looking for the real one.
- It will produce a false ministry. If you want the real one, go to Acts 11, Acts 20, or the book of 2 Corinthians, which is the handbook of ministry for the New Testament church.

The first three will lead you to the last two that really destroy Christianity. When you have a false Bible, a false church, and a false ministry, then it is going to build people with a false relationship and a false walk. This is the condition of New Testament Christianity today. I know people do not like it, people do not like to hear it, but I do not know what to tell you.

One of my favorite stories in the Bible, and I have about 10 or 12 stories. I mean, I love them all, but there are about 10 or 12 that are on my top 10 hit parade. One of them is in Luke 2, and it

starts in verse 42 and just goes down to verse 46. To me, this is one of the greatest little stories in the Bible that illustrates what I am trying to get across to you today.

Now, this story is about Jesus and His family. I will read it for you.

*Luke 2:42-46*

*And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.*

*And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.*

*But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.*

*And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.*

*And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.*

This is one of my favorite stories because here we have a direct picture of Christianity today in the Laodicean church period who have the five falsehoods in their lives. First off, I want you to notice that He is with His family. We must make that family the family we are all part of, of Christianity. They are walking on a journey. This walk is two days there and back. They are walking along and they actually think that He is with them.

I look at that and I wonder myself, what, do you have a hundred people in your family? How do you know if you have just got Mary and Joseph and four or five other kids, because He had other kids. I mean, and you are walking along, how do you not look around? What parent does not take stock to see where their kids are? But they go a whole day's journey and then somebody finally says, "Where is Jesus?" "I do not know. I have not seen Him. I thought you were watching Him." You see, they were walking and they were supposing He was with them when He was not.

So what do they do? They turn around and go back. Now we are into two days. Remember our Thursday night Bible study last Thursday when the guy asked about the days and the day of the Lord? I told you that the day and the days and what they represented. So now they have been gone for two days. We know that now represents the church age, do we not? Where do they find Him on the third day? This is a picture of the millennium in the temple. That is Ezekiel 40 through 48.

So what we have here in my favorite story is a picture of most of God's people today that think they have a walk with God but they do not. They suppose that He is walking with them just like His family, but He was not. They did not even know it. That is so many of God's people today who get caught up in all the false things that are not real. They just suppose that they are walking with Him when they are not. Because how can two walk together except they be agreed? That is the key.

### III. The Bible as the Ultimate Fact-Checker

Now I think agreements are very important. Written documents. I think they are important among people, especially Christians. You are going to try to help Christians do things for them, lend them things, give them things, and make an agreement with them. I am going to tell you some of the greatest "hosings" I ever got in my life I got from God's people, not so much the world.

Proverbs 22:26 tells us that we better be sure before we enter into a deal with somebody. I think that every Christian when you are dealing with somebody, say somebody is going to move into your apartment. You have got an apartment. You need a couple guys or girls or whatever to kind of do out the monthly rent. They say, "Yeah." I am telling you, if you are smart, you are going to get a written agreement of what you expect everybody to do. Your children need to have an agreement with their parents of what they need to be doing.

I have seen Christians sell their cars to another Christian. Because you thought that they were a Christian, they were good for the money, and you never saw them again. Verbal agreements do not work most of the time. It is good to have it in writing. We started people ministry a number of years ago. Most of you older folks were part of that. You remember when we did that, I told you at the get-go how intense it was going to be, the stuff we were going to look at, and it was going to require you to be somebody above, a cut above the rest. So what did I do? Remember, I wrote out an agreement. Remember? In that agreement, it told you what I expected of you because I knew two or three years down the line, I was giving you the in-depth of my ministry, letting you take part of what I have invested my life in. I know people. I still have all those, by the way.

Well, five or six years ago, we had a guy who was a deacon. None of you would remember him. He was a deacon and he did not follow through with it and caused me some problems. So I called him in for the purpose of removing him from being a deacon. But I laid out that agreement right in front of him. It listed the very things that he had done that he knew that he was not allowed to do. His answer to me was, "I forgot about that." My answer to him was, "Is that your signature?" "Yes, it is." "What part of this did you not understand?"

You know what? If you want to be in agreement with God, He wrote a Bible that tells you what the agreement is because of the judgment seat of Christ. I know how it is going to work. I hear all the excuses all the time. I know exactly how it will work. "Well, I did not see that. I did not know that. Well, nobody ever told me that." He is just going to open it up, the book, chapter, verse of the agreement in the Bible that He gave us. He is simply going to say, "What part of that did you not understand?" You see, at the judgment seat of Christ, as at the great white throne judgment, it is not about what you know or what you do not know. It is about what you could have found out, but you chose not to. Read the agreement. Read the agreement. God gave us a written document laid out for everybody to be able to understand what we need to be in agreement on.

Now, the Laodicean church, if I may revert back to that for just a second, it has many traps to stop you in your walk. Last week I gave you out of Luke 21:8-9, where He says that we are not to be deceived. I added two more things to that: that once you get deceived, then the devil will

disarm you. Once you get deceived and you get disarmed, life is an endless journey of pain and misery. It is not long before you get discouraged. I would say, I get it, that most of God's people today in what we call Christianity, have been deceived and they have been disarmed. Because of that, they have no biblical walk based on the example of Enoch and Noah and what it really takes to be in agreement with God. They too, like Mary and Joseph, they suppose that Jesus is walking with them when He is not. If it can happen to them, let me tell you something. This is why it is my favorite story. That is a picture of the church age and what happens to us. We suppose, we suppose He is with us and He is not.

Now, what I am about to say should come to no surprise to anybody. All politicians are liars. I had a guy one time that was a preacher and he preached a sermon that half the politicians in this city are liars and crooks. Well, he incurred the wrath of all the politicians in the city and they came to him and they wanted him to print a retraction. But my buddy was pretty smart. So the next week in the paper, he retracted it by simply saying, "Okay, I am sorry, half the politicians in this city are not crooks." They did not like that one either.

But one thing about politics is this. If you do not know this, you are very naive and I would be careful crossing the street that you do not get hit with a bus. You cannot be a Bible-believing child of God and be a politician. I am sorry. I am just sorry. None of these guys who claim to be at all, they are out there because they know it plays to that group of people. When is the last time you heard one of them ever tell you how many people he has won to Christ? When is the last time you ever had one lay out the different cults in America that you need to watch out for? When is the last time you ever heard one get up and talk about the Bible being the absolute perfect Word of God? You see, they cannot do that because if they do, they never get elected. So they play the game. They tell you what they think you want to hear.

Gas prices are high right now. So he is going to promise, whoever is going to promise you, that he will lower gas prices so you will vote for them. The border is a mess. Millions of illegals coming across the border and New York is complaining, Chicago is complaining, they are busting them in Texas and sending them everywhere and it is overwhelming. Nobody wants it. So what is he going to do? He is going to tell you he is going to close the border so you will vote for it and everything. He is going to tell you that, you know, they want you now to buy an electric car. California is passing a law, trying to pass a law, that they are going to outlaw all 18-wheelers, no more gas 18-wheelers. They all have to be battery operated. Everybody is saying, "We cannot get from one end of the country to the other. It is going to shut down everything." But you know what? So a politician will get up, he will stomp his hands, stomp his feet, look right into the TV camera and says, "Vote for me. That will never happen." When he gets in, he has his own agenda, just like everybody else does.

Now here is what I like about politics, besides nothing. There is a little group out there that are called the fact-checkers. Every time somebody gets up and shoots his mouth off about this or that, there is a group back here that checks his facts to see if he is lying or not. They will have a broadcast after he gets up and somebody will say, "Okay," they call it the Pinocchio nose gauge. "This politician gets a 12-inch Pinocchio nose. He lied about everything," and they check him with facts.

Now I am going to tell you, facts are stubborn things. Facts are something you cannot deny. The fact-checkers are what in politics they use to keep a guy honest and find out if he is telling you the truth or not. Now for you and for me, and your walk with God and your supposing, the greatest fact-checker you will ever have is this Book right here. This one checks the facts of what you say, what you suppose versus what the Book says. I love it. I love it. Because God's people will say, "I have a walk with God. Do not you tell me I do not. I have a walk with God. Who do you think you are?" Well, I am nobody. But I have got a fact-checking Book that says, and lists seven major areas that you must be in agreement on to walk with Him. If you do not have them based on the fact-checker, you are just like Mary and Joseph. You suppose you are walking with Him when you are not.

If there is anything I learned dealing with God's people for over 50 years, just a great fact that denial is more than a river in Egypt. It is something that God's people get into in their lives. Because of the Laodicean church and the false things that go on, they suppose they have a walk with Him, but they could not tell you what those seven things are. If you put a gun to their head, fact-checking, we are going to do some fact-checking today. Forget the politicians. We have got our work cut out for God's people. Learning to walk with God will simply be us seeing and understanding the seven areas that need to be developed through our walk with God from the baby steps up to where we get like Enoch and Noah. Then we come into an agreement on God and some things.

Now I need to preface what I am saying by this, because I certainly do not want to beat anybody up unjustly. We have in our church a lot of young Christians and people who have just come in, you are in the process of growing. I always give somebody five years or so. I say you have got five years just to get your feet on the ground. So if what all I am saying today, if you have been saved five years or less, I am not talking to you. Listen to me, but I am not pointing my finger at you. I am not pointing my finger at anybody. I am talking about Christianity in general, but let us just check the facts. Let us quit telling everybody like the Democrats and the Republicans, all these things. But when we get into the Book that checks the facts, it is not true. This is why people do not like my preaching. You are all here today because there is something wrong with you.

See, I am not the kind of 21st, 20th century preacher that blows smoke and just accepts things the way they are. I have been a rebel all my life. I have been a rebel for truth. I am living in a Christianity where there is no truth and everybody wants to pretend and suppose that everything is okay. I am the first one to tell you it is not okay. I am not going to tell you it is not okay just because I do not like it. I am going to tell you it is not okay because I am a fact-checker.

I told you to make a list. Some of you probably did and some of you did not. I had a lady already tell me today, "I am so anxious to hear this. I worked all week and I am so nervous about what I got." I said, "Well, that is good, but you will probably be more nervous after I lay them out." Fact-checking. No more gaslighting about your relationship with God. Come on. Do not be a victim of the Laodicean mindset that you and I and God's people all around this country, if not the world, walk around supposing.

## IV. Seven Areas of Agreement for a Walk with God

Now allow me to point out seven areas to you. I told you to make your list, keep it to yourself. You do not have to, this is not where you are going to pass your list over to somebody else next to you and they are going to grade each other. Keep it to yourself.

1. You are going to have to have the right Bible. All said and done, there have only been two Bibles down through the history of the world. We know that. I am not going to spend a lot of time with this. We have covered it. You have God's Bible and you have the devil's Bible. It has been laid out to you many times clearly, the two lines of manuscripts out of the book of Acts, you know, the absolute fact of history. It is a fact-checker. You cannot find anything wrong with this. I told them Thursday night in Bible study, we were kind of closing out and I told them, I remember this story. In fact, I actually saw a little documentary on it. It was 1978 and it was down in Guyana and there was a man down there that was a preacher, a prophet, his name was Jim Jones. This is long before most of you were probably born. You older folks will remember this. He was a cult leader and he had a little community down there in the middle of the jungle and they had carved out of the jungle and he had about 300, 400 people there. It was called Jonestown, kind of like Constantinople with Constantine, you know what I am saying? But anyway, he was the supreme religious leader. He was a dictator, whatever they did, and he was prophesying the end of the world. He had such an impact on those 300 plus people that when he got to a point where he thought the end was really coming, he convinced all of them, he made a big thing of Kool-Aid and put cyanide poison in it. All 300 plus of those people that were following him drank that Kool-Aid. I remember seeing the pictures as they flew over, 300 plus bodies laying everywhere, men, women, children, all because some man told them something that was not true. Nobody bothered to check the facts. If I may just take it one step further, I will tell you what is wrong with God's people today. You drank the Kool-Aid. You drank the Kool-Aid that tells you that you do not have a real Bible, that you can play this stupid superficial game called Christianity, and that you really can have a walk with God without ever being in agreement with Him. Down it went, and it killed them physically, but it kills God's people today spiritually. I know it sounds terrible when I say, "God will not walk with you in the devil's Bible." It hurts my ears to say that a little bit. I know it sounds terrible. I mean, you look at, I mean, I hear it all the time, "What about all the good, godly people out there? And what about, you know, my friend here, and she loves God, and they deserve that?" Then the fact-checkers. That is what you need. Christianity is not a lot different than politics. That is why when you talk to somebody, they will tell you, "There are two things I do not discuss, religion and politics." You know why? Because they go hand in hand. They both exist with lies. But my case is easy to prove when it comes to the Bible. I mean, you pick him. I do not care. Pick her. I do not care. Pick whatever Bible study you go to that somebody is leading it with another Bible other than God's Word. Show me one. Just one. Show me one Christian, one scholar, one preacher who can take his NIV or whatever you have got and lay out any part of the Bible doctrinally, inspirationally, historically. Watch him try to lay out Enoch and Noah as the types that I have given you. Watch him as he struggles to try to figure out what is really going on with Cain and Abel. Watch what happens when he gets over there in the book of Exodus and he can see

chapter by chapter, inspirationally, a picture of your life and my life. They do not have that. They cannot ever get that. Try to watch him explain how Adam is a type of Christ, Eve is a type of the church, and then connect it with the book of Corinthians sometimes. You are out of your mind. No one. I mean, you will defend your new Bible. You will defend this and you will hold it up as truth, but you could not lay out one thing out of it. I am asked many, many times, "Can you be saved with another Bible?" That is a question that has been out there for quite a while. Some guys say you can. Some guys say you cannot. I am kind of in the middle with a thing, but I will tell you this. If you can get saved with one, you will most definitely never grow with one and you certainly will never have a walk with God with one because how can two walk together except they be agreed? Now, instead of getting all emotional, instead of getting all upset, instead of staying there, "Is that mean old Bob?" Forget me. I am just a fact-checker. If you are upset with me, then when you hear it on the news tonight, then throw something through your TV set. Facts are stubborn things. This is why people do not like it because facts show you what is real and what is not real. It is just that simple. God's people today have committed spiritual suicide by drinking the Kool-Aid. 2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. You cannot study to show yourself approved with any other Bible other than a King James Bible. You see, your idea of walking with God is not based on 1 John 1:7, which says you have to walk in the light, that is the Word of God, as He is in the light. You have to be in agreement with the Word of God. But having said that, just having the right Bible will not guarantee a walk. You need to know that. There are many of God's people that have the right King James Bible, and they suppose that they have a walk with God, but they do not.

2. The right doctrine. 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Now, note again, the Bible progression, you get the right doctrine, it will lead you to the right reproof, it will lead you to the right correction, and it will lead you to the right instruction. I will tell you all the time. The Bible will show you through doctrine what is right and what is wrong, then it will show you what you have got to do to deal with it, and then it will show you how you deal with it through correction, and then it will show you through instructions how to keep it from getting messed up again. Fact-checking. Fact-checking. I can hear it now. "Well, Bob, you know, no, no, no, no, Bob. No, you are wrong. You are wrong. You are wrong. You are so wrong. I have a walk with God. I have a walk with God." Really? Are you in agreement with the Book and in agreement with doctrine? "Absolutely good." Lay out for me the doctrine of propitiation. Lay out for me the doctrine of remission. Lay out for me the doctrine of expiation. Lay out for me the doctrine of imputation. Lay out for me the doctrine of regeneration. You see, there are 12 major Bible doctrines on salvation alone. You may be saved today, and I believe most of God's people that say they are, probably are, but being saved and a walk with God are two different things. You want to pretend, God's people want to pretend, "Oh, I have a walk with God," when you do not even understand the seven basic things that you have to have in your life, because how can two walk together except they be

agreed? Do not get mad at me. Are you mad at me because I am a fact-checker? You are mad at me because I will not let you or your friends or your girlfriends or your boyfriends live in a clouded world of stupidity? Not in this church. We deal with facts. We do not deal with, "I suppose." We are fact-checkers. It is the only thing in this life that will keep you from getting messed up in your walk with God. Now, maybe you do not want one. That is okay too. In your walk with God through 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and other places, then you learn to build a walk.

3. The right music. I showed you when we started this, Asaph, the 10 Psalms that he writes, the chief musician to David, one of the greatest studies you will ever take on what biblical music really should be. To be in agreement in the New Testament church on your music, you have to use that definitive verse Colossians 3:16, where it says, Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Notice the key to music is the Word of God dwelling in you, doctrine. Doctrine in the Bible, everything will come back to it. Look at that red hymnal in front of you. What kind of songs this morning do you think the Jehovah's Witnesses are singing? What kind of songs at the Church of Christ do you believe that they are singing in their services? How about the Seventh-Day Adventists? Oh, they were yesterday, not today. They could not sing two songs out of that hymnal in front of you. You know why? None of them believe that Jesus Christ is God. None of them believe you get saved by the blood. None of them believe you can know you are saved for sure when you die. What in the world do you have to sing about? Nothing. How about a Mormon? The greatest joke in the world that every Christian falls for. Drank the Kool-Aid. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir every Christmas puts on this great thing of Handel's Messiah. "And He shall reign forever," and there is not a Mormon on this planet that believes one thing in that song. Handel was a born-again, blood-washed child of God that believed in the second coming of Christ. There is not a Mormon on this planet that believes that, but they sing it. God's people are there, "Oh, oh, not me, brother." I count the demons flying through the place. I am a fact-checker. Do not mess with me. I am a fact-checker. Do not pass off your supposing to me. Doctrine is the basis for everything we do. That is why I pound it into you over and over again in everything I do. When the church brought in the devil's Bible, what did you think? Then they brought in the devil's music. Churches across this city today, they are breakdancing on the stage, they are dressed in animal uniforms or costumes uniforms. They are up there doing all kinds of stuff and they are up there talking. I mean, it is nothing, if you would turn, most of them have the lights out, but if you would turn the lights out and pass out drinks, you would think you were in a nightclub someplace. You know what? Most of God's people think that is really of God. They get upset with me when I say what I have just said and a few more things I am going to say. But see, I am a fact-checker. Do not mess with me. Talk about me behind my back. Talk about me in your little groups. Never get with me face to face with an open Bible. If you do, I will bring my lunch, you bring your lunch, and I will eat them both. I do not know nothing about nothing. My car breaks, I am ready to sell it. A guy told me one time, "Well, the problem with your engine, it has got a short circuit." I asked him how much to make it longer. I know nothing about cars. I know nothing about houses. My furnace goes out. I do not know what to

do. Build a fire in the front room someplace. I do not know nothing about nothing. I know one thing, and that is the Book God gave me. I do not care about fixing cars. I do not care about fixing furnaces. I can always find somebody to do that. But this Book that God gave me, do not mess with me on it. I am a fact-checker. Do not give me your gas. Do not give me your supposing. Do not play your stupid little Laodicean games. If you do, do not sit down with me and open up the Book. Do not invite me to your Bible study. Do not invite me to your church.

4. The right worship. Are you mad because you are leaving? You have got to be in agreement with the right worship. Oh, and this one is a killer. If there is any one area completely gone today with God's people, it is the concept of worship. The definitive verse on it, fact-check, here is John 4:24, where it says, John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. You miss this one, and your walk with God is an opium pipe dream. Now, in spite of what some church tells you, in spite of what some pastor tells you, in spite of what somebody tells you, let us stay with the Bible and check the facts. The Bible says we worship God, not in a worship service. We do not worship God with our tithes and our offerings. That is Laodicean gas. Worship is not something that you do. Worship is something that you are. We worship God in our spirit and His truth. That is your fundamental basis for a walk with God. You and your Bible and its doctrine aligning your spirit with God's truth. That is where your worship is. No Bible, no truth, no worship, no walk. It is just that simple.

5. Our associations (people).
6. The world we live in (our attitude toward it). These two will go together. God's people, and you know this, are to be separate from the world. Israel was told that in the Old Testament. We are told that in the New Testament. Now, the two great examples of this are Enoch and Noah. When you go over to Hebrews 11, you will find there that chapter is commonly called God's Great Hall of Fame. You will find a list of men and women there that are really good models for all of us, but you are going to find that Enoch and Noah are in the Hall of Fame. It says in verse 5, Hebrews 11:5-6

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Now, the Bible says that Enoch walked with God, and the key to his walk was the fact that he pleased God. Now, to please God, you have to be in agreement with some things. The Bible says in Genesis 5:24, Genesis 5:24

And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. I have a message I preached very early on in my preaching world years and years ago. I preach it every once in a while someplace because it still works pretty good. But it is a thing where I base it on verse 24, "Enoch walked with God and was not." I said, you know what? When the United States sends a man into space, he calls him an astronaut. When Russia sends a man into outer space, they call him a cosmonaut. When God sends a man into outer space, He calls him a "was not." Enoch was not. I will tell you what he was not. He was not conformed to this world. Enoch

was not. I will tell you what he was not. He was not walking by sight and not by faith. I will tell you what he walked was not. He was not supposing he had a walk with God. He had a real walk with God. He and his family were in agreement with God and God's coming judgment. Jude 1:14 tells us that Enoch was a preacher of the second coming of Christ. Wow. His boy's name was Methuselah, which means, "When he is gone, judgment will come." Enoch just did not walk with God. His whole family was a living testimony that pleased God. He even named his boy, his kid, after the prophecy. I have often thought, the Bible says that he walked with God for 300 years. Could you imagine what a walk with God for 300? I have walked with Him for 50 years on and off. What a great time it has been. Can you imagine walking with God for 300 years? My, my. Then Noah, also in Hebrews 11:7, Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. You see, Noah is the only man in the Bible who stood completely by himself against everything. Enoch was gone. He stood and he is such a picture of us. He preached a coming judgment of God to a world that never believed for a second that God was anything but a God of love and would ever send any judgment. He was tasked with preaching a flood in a world where it never rained. Yet Matthew 24:37 says, Matthew 24:37

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 120 years with not one convert. The Bible says in Genesis 6:5 that all the imagination of man was evil. The Bible says that the wickedness of man was so great. The Bible tells us in Proverbs 28:5 that: Proverbs 28:5

Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things. He lived in a world where they could not comprehend that the judgment of God was about to fall. That is exactly where you and I live today. We want to blame the problems on global warming. We want to blame the problems on the Republicans and the Democrats. We want to blame the problems on everybody else. The problems in this world are that we are standing on the verge of the judgment of God falling on this planet. Unsaved men do not understand that. Most of God's people do not either.

7. Agreement with God's church. The book of Ephesians is the book that defines the New Testament church for us. It designs the spiritual side of it and we see it, the church as the body of Christ, the spiritual body. In the book of Ephesians it shows us every aspect of what it really is and actually what it does for all of us. It is a spiritual body, the body of Christ, Christ's body. Now in the old days, this idea in Ephesians, the church was called the church triumphant. It is the spiritual aspect of the church that always is in victory. But then you have a local assembly of believers which are made up of the spiritual body of believers. This will be the concept of the New Testament local church. This is called in the old days, the church militant. It is where we fight the warfare of Ephesians 6 in the battle. Now what you have to understand is that the New Testament church is the only institution given by God for us to serve God by. It is just that simple. In the Old Testament it was done through a nation. In the New Testament it is done through a spiritual body. The book of Acts defines for us the church militant. You are going to find that Paul starts the churches, the first church listed as the church of Antioch. It is just like us. It is a New Testament local assembly. When he gets over

to Acts 20, he talks about the church at Ephesus. That is a New Testament church just like this one. You learn from Acts 11 and Acts 20 what the church is really supposed to be doing. So when you see out there today all the goofy stuff that is going on, I am a fact-checker. I go back to Acts 11 and Acts 20 and think what in the world is wrong with you? Can anybody guess what is wrong by now? Here, let me help you. You drank the Kool-Aid. You drank the Kool-Aid. In Ephesians 5:25, the Bible says that: Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; The New Testament local church is by God's design. It is the central hub of everything in New Testament Christianity. It is where you got saved. It is where you get trained for the plan of God in your life. It is where you train up your children. It forms a support group for times in your life when you need it. It is the place of safety for you to be protected by. It is the resource center of truth. It is a place of rest and a place of comfort. It forms the structure of accountability and responsibility that every one of us need. It is the New Testament local church that you do the work of God He has called you to do. The church, this church, any church that you are a member of, should be the center of everything that you do. That is where your walk not only originates, but you walk through. Having said that, the church today is the one place that God's people will not be in agreement with God on. God's people today, they are not interested in making the church the center of their life for ministry or anything else. I have seen it in all my ministry and as you boys get older and you guys get in it, you will see it too. Everything else becomes more important than going to church. You have people out there that I have seen this all my life. They are never becoming in agreement with God's church. They do not want really any part of it, but they want to suppose that they are Christian. So they will get in some organization like the Shriners, you know who they are. They drive little go-karts around in the parades, wear their goofy little hats. So they will join the Shriners. They will join the Masons. They will join the Elks Club. They will join the VFW. All worldly satanic organizations that have nothing to do remotely with anything that God is, was, ever shall be, or ever could hope to be. Totally devoid of anything biblical in any way, shape, or form. But you do not want to get involved in God's church, but you will get involved in this. This now becomes your religion. This now becomes your church. This now you will work your way up to be maybe a chaplain or a helper or this or that. Now this is your church. We have a jail ministry, but our jail ministry runs through a New Testament local church. But I have known jail ministries that were outside a local church that the guys never went to church. Their jail ministry was their church. I have seen women get involved in an unwed mother's home or a battered women's place. They will not ever go to church anywhere, but they will think because they are working and helping and using some Bible and doing things that that takes the place of church. You greatly err not knowing the scriptures. I have seen people put their kids into Boy Scouts and, you know, and I have seen them and say, they take that kid out of church. They put him in scouting to do all those things. He wants to be an Eagle Scout. I want him to be an Eagle Scout. I want him to get his stuff. So he does all these, gets all these stupid merit badges and he is in an error and pretty soon he becomes an Eagle Scout. Hey, I would rather, based on my Bible studies the last couple of weeks, I would rather have my kids be an Eagle Eye instead of an Eagle Scout. That is just me. The greatest trick of Laodicea is to get God's people to put everything else in

front of the New Testament local church. I am going to come to your children, baseball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, track, dancing classes. Then you lose your kid to the world. You know what? You take them out of church on Sunday, Thursday night Bible study on Thursday, and you put them out there someplace at every, and then what all you are teaching them is a flawed value system. You the parent are telling your own kid, "This is more important than this." Then, excuse me, you have the audacity to come to me when you lose them into the world and say, "What happened?" And you want me to fix them. We came home from camp and almost without exception, every kid in that camp was ready to do something. They were ready for us to take them to the next level, but I had to have parents. I know we all think, "Well, next year we will get another shot at them." They do not need another new camp. They need new parents. I look at Noah. What did he do? He preached for 120 years, but you know what else he did? Read it again. He built an ark for the preparing of his household. That ark was a place of protection. It is a picture of the New Testament local church, but you will not get that of an NIV. It is a place of safety. It is a place that protected them against the judgment of God that was coming. All I ask God's people all the time, I see it all the time. What are you building for your kids? Are you building a career with baseball, a career with football, a career with this, or a career with that, or a career here, career here, or are you building an ark? The ark can only be built here. God's people will only use the church when it is in an emergency or when it is convenient. You will talk about how much you love God and that you are a Christian, but when you really check the facts, the Bible says in Hebrews 10:25, Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. You are not to forsake the assembling of yourselves together and not love the church that Christ loved and died for and never get involved in it or allow God to use it in your life. Most of God's people, and I would hope this would be true, would be against abortion. I think that is a safe thing to say, and we all should be. But the same God's people that would stand up and fight against abortion are the same ones that will abort their children spiritually because you will cut out of their life the very things that will give them a spiritual walk with God and they die spiritually. God's people will take from the church everything it has, but never one time give anything back. They will invest their life into everything else except the things that really matter. They will totally be in disagreement with God when it talks about the church. You will give every excuse. "Well, Bob, Little Johnny had a cold pneumonia, we suppose, and the whole family had to stay home just to blow that kid's nose." Excuses. Excuses. The only excuse that any of us really have? No walk. For how can two walk together except they be agreed? We suppose. Just like Mary and Joseph, walking along a whole day. "Oh, we are just wonderful. Yeah, and we have a wonderful family. Oh, we do, Joseph. Yeah, I will tell you what, I just love them." I will tell you what, when I went one whole day and they got there and they said, "Okay, kids, where is Jesus?" "Well, I do not know. I have not seen Him." "I mean, He has not been walking." "Well, we have been walking for a whole day. Just our family. How did we lose Him?" That is a good question. How did you lose Him? You supposed. You could not tell me what you were to be in agreement with if your life depended on it. There are people today sitting and I get it. There are people that are sick. There are

people that have got some issues and there are people, but I want to tell you something. There are people that ought to be here today that you are not here because it was not important for you to be here and you ought to be ashamed of yourself. I have got people across this country and across this world that have no church that are watching us today that would give everything they have to be part of this church. You have everything. You will drive across town to be here. Shame on you. Shame on you. If I could, I would block you off the YouTube. I can hear you now. "Well, I am really mad." So what are you going to do? Quit coming to church? Do not come anyhow.

## V. Conclusion and Call to Action

Walking with God will build the character of God in your life and the character of God is giving. We have had this church now for over 20 years and I have never, never one time ever preached a message on giving or money. I never have. Most pastors spend 45 minutes talking about money and 10, 15 minutes on the Bible, not me. I figure if I teach you the Bible and you grow and you will see this, what this church has done for you and you will see that it is you, the New Testament Christian, that supports the work of God with your tithes and your offering and your sacrificial giving. I say it every Sunday. If you are not a member of this church, if you are a visitor, do not give us anything. It is our responsibility. My thinking on it, if God's people do not invest in what God has given them here and you want to keep it all for yourself, just close the doors, man, and be honest about it. That is my thinking on it.

Thursday night, most likely in the parking lot will be a Mr. Potato truck. Do not freak out. It is a truck that they make special kinds of potatoes and they sell you so you can have some potato, whatever it is. It is going to be in our parking lot. Did you ever notice that at 4th of July, we do not put up a tent and sell fireworks? We have a perfect place to do it. Man, we could, and knowing some of you guys, Steve would be making his own and putting them in there and be blowing up houses with them. We do not do that. We do not have any bake sales. We do not have a rummage sale.

I got a call from a church this week, and this is not a criticism. Next weekend, there is a big parade in Blue Springs. You all know about that, do you not? It is an old day, whatever, in Blue Springs. They did this last year. Church, good church, I have no problem with it at all. They wanted to know if we were going to use our parking lot and have you people stand out there with signs, you know, because there is limited parking, park here for \$10 and fill up the parking lot and make money for your church. I said, "No," I said, "we will not be doing that." He said, "Do you mind if we do it?" I said, "No, that is fine. You can do it. If you want to do it, that is fine." I do not know if you saw out behind our garage here, but there is a big sign out there with an arrow pointing on it that some church used to sell fireworks for their, make money for their church. You see churches at 4th of July, all over the place, churches putting up big tents, selling fireworks, so they are going to make money for their church. The Mr. Potato truck out there is for that thing next week. They are going to sell Mr. Potatoes, whatever his potatoes are. I have no idea and make money for the church.

Now, let me be clear. Last week, I met with a missionary from China, one of the best missionaries I have ever met in my life. I talked with him. We sent him every piece of material we had in our books, everything that we have. He is translating it into Chinese and going to use it throughout the churches that he works with in China. Two years ago, our material was put down in the Philippines. Over 300 pastors are using it today as we speak. I had another church in the States that called me this week. Somehow they got a hold of our website, wanted every book we had that we have put out here, and now it is going to become the curriculum of that church from youth discipleship to adult discipleship to the seven things of marriage, everything we have got. I look at that and I think it is already in Brazil, it is already in a couple in England, and boy, what God is doing there, I have to bring you up to speed on that. It is already in Mexico and it is all through the United States.

Now, how does that happen? How are we able to get that to those places? It is because of you. It does not cause a me. The easiest thing to do was to write it down. Getting it to where it needs to go is the key. How does it get there? It gets there because every one of you, most of you, believe in this church, believe in the ministry, you are part of the ministry, and you give to this church that we only can pay our bills here, but we have the ability to give to these guys no expense. Now, one dime when I charge them, one guy asked me, he says, "I want to get the books, and will you give me a discount on buying multiple copies for the church?" I said, "I have a better deal for you. You get the books and then whatever you want, you copy them off cheaper than me." He says, "Are they not copyrighted?" I said, "Yeah, they are. It means like this, copy write off what you want. I do not care about making money on it. I care about getting what this church has around the world." It is you and me, you, this church that makes it happen. I will tell you right now, I am not going to send material to China because of a potato truck. I am not going to send around the world because we have a fireworks tent. If we reach this world, it will be because you, you, this church believes in it, invests in it, gives to it, and allows us to take it around the world. If that does not happen, shut the doors. Close it up. No, Mr. Potato truck. No parking lot for \$10 a piece.

I would not insult God with everything that He has given us, every blessing He has bestowed on you and me and this church, and then to hold back from Him to give back to Him everything that He has given to us that we could take what He has given us. And give it to somebody else at no cost because you and I paid the cost. You know why you and I paid the cost? Because you realize that back there 2,000 years ago, He paid the price. How do I actually honestly charge somebody for something that God gave us freely? Why? Because I put it together. Why? My brain cells would have been cooked out if it was not for the Word of God. It has nothing to do with me. It has nothing to do with you. It has to do with us as the body of believers in this church that we believe that this church is worth the investment. That is how we get it done. Potato truck. I do not want any of you guys letting the air out of the tires on Thursday night.

The very idea of taking all God has and then giving nothing back and setting it home today, watching it on your TV, enjoying it. When around the world there are people that would die to be here and hear the Word of God today. The Laodicean church Christians, they are the most selfish people on this planet. They take everything God gives them and never give one thing back one

time and yet pretend, suppose, "Oh, I am just fine," when in truth you are like our story in Luke 2. You are walking with God at some point if you ever had one, He went one way, you went another, and you do not even know it. You simply do not love the same things that He loves. Fact-check. There are seven things in the Bible that He loves. Could you name them? You who claim to love Him, you who claim that you really love God, there are seven things that He loved. Do you even know what they are? Fact-check. You make a great politician. It is no wonder in our lives, in our lives of our families and our marriages and our kids are all in the mess we are in.

Now there are some, these are the main issues, the main areas that you will need to be in agreement with if you are going to have a walk with God. You know what? Fact-check your own list. Obviously we could add the will of God, the plan of God and all those other things, but these are the key main ones, the blessings of God in our lives. Do not mistake the man-made, calculated, made-up blessings of the Laodicean church mixed with the mixture of the Kool-Aid that you do in the flesh and then deceive yourself that you have a walk with God without ever knowing what it takes to be in agreement with Him. Get the real blessings that God has for you and for your family. Build the ark that will only come from "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" Build your children to be proof of the coming judgment just like Enoch did. Build an ark just like Noah did and have your family on board with everything of where we are at. That will only come from being in agreement with God in His written contract that everything that comes your way, if you are honest, you fact-check. You find if it is real or it is not. You are going to find it most of it that comes your way is not.

Now I have got one more thing I want to do for you. The book of Psalms is vitally important. I have a couple of ladies in our church that are willing to take on a weekly basis every one of my messages and put it into a Bible outline overview, a study guide that you can take home and put it in your Bible or you can put them in a notebook. When we are done, you will have everything you need to know about the book of Psalms. I have got the first one today, which is the introduction. It is phenomenal. These guys did not miss a trick. I want it is going to be put online this afternoon that you can get a copy online. For those of you that still use a flip phone like I do, there will be copies in the bookstore that you can get.

I want you to have a walk with God. I was not hard on you today because I do not like you. I was hard on you today because I do not want you to be deceived. I was hard on you as I preached the Word of God because I want to tell you the truth. Fact-check. Get past this idea of everything out there that looks like it is gold does not turn out to be fool's gold. I want the book of Psalms to be the number one book in your life. This is probably the last book that we will all do together before the Lord comes back, hopefully. I want you to get everything out of it you can. I am thinking of every way I can to help you build that walk with God. So you can get it online this afternoon. Caleb will have it on or we have got 30 or so in the bookstore if you need it. When we are done this morning, the first one up here can have this one. But it is a thing where I want you to have that walk.

Next week when we get into this thing I am going to show you how you lose your walk. I have taken two weeks and told you how to have a walk by being in agreement. Now next week I am going to show you how you get out of agreement with Him. One of the most amazing things you

see right there in the verse. I will be dismissed here in a moment when I pray and if you would there is a sign. I need you to have you sign up if you want one of these out of the bookstore. Because so we do not print more than we need. There is a little sign up over there. Please I need my guys when I pray just come on up here for the two nursing homes and the mission. Come up and give your name to them and phone number and so we can get you involved in that. Everybody needs to get on board here.

We need to pray for that missionary in China. I was really impressed with him and I told him I said he was only in town for about a week. I said, "When are you coming back again?" I said, "I would like to bring you and your family out here." He says, "Well," he says, "I do not know," he says, "I am not like most missionaries." He says, "I do not come back every year." He says, "My work and my life is in China." I thought to myself, "This is my kind of guy." You pray that everything that you guys made possible that is in that bookstore. Because of your giving and your faithfulness to this ministry is now going to reach into China where it is unprecedented. Then the churches in this country that have taken it and now using it as their curriculum of teaching their people. All because of you. All because in this church God gathered together the best people He could and put you here and we all have to work together. We have to invest in this work. We have to make sure that we keep going everything that God is doing in these last days. Not another time to take the foot off the gas.

Let us pray. Father we do thank You and praise You for the Lord Jesus. We love You. Thank You for today. Thank You for our time. Thank You for these good people. Bless it now Father let us take it and use it. We will give You the honor and glory and the praise in Jesus name and sake we ask it. Amen. All right guys come on up here get these guys sign up for everything else over here you need to sign up.