

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD



Our Walk

BY RALPH WALKER

"Therefore, I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called."

Ephesians 4:1

Years ago, Paula and I were driving down Busch Boulevard in the evening, on our way home from a church assembly, when we passed an elderly couple walking on the sidewalk. Something about the man was instantly familiar, but I couldn't quite figure out why. Then a block further, it hit me. I said "Paula, that was Ray and Leah Coates!" She said "It couldn't be. Why would they be here in Tampa, and walking on Busch Boulevard on Wednesday evening?" Ray and Leah were dear friends from church in Concord NC. Ray had been a mentor to me as a retired preacher. Paula was right in questioning why they would be here, at night, in that area of town.

I had to know, so I turned the car around. I pulled into a parking lot ahead of them and waited for them to get closer to positively identify them. And it was Ray and Leah. We took them home and had pie and coffee together. They had come down to see some people and were going to surprise us the next day. Ray was in disbelief I could have identified him from behind, from a car, in a place they shouldn't have been. I said "It was your gait which gave you away." Ray had an old hip injury that caused him to walk in an unusual way and I'd seen that for years. Nobody else walked quite like him. And I was so familiar with it because of our long friendship.

This story relates to our "walk" in Christ.

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Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class | Online
Sunday Worship | 10am or 5pm
Wednesday Bible Class | 7pm

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Sunday Bible Class

Online: *The Holy Spirit*

Wednesday Bible Class

Auditorium: *Christian Evidences*

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If our walk is consistent and unique, people will know us by it. If Ray had only walked with that "hitch in his getalong" when he got tired, or until he was rehabilitated, I wouldn't know him by it. It was his consistent, steady identifiable way of moving that marked him. And while you might never have said "That's Ray!" because you didn't know him so well, I did. We're in a time of great opportunities to do good for others.

Patience is in short supply. We're all getting irritable with the regulations and those sweaty facemasks. People can see our walk, every day. No, I'm not referring to simply walking the neighborhood for exercise. I'm talking about practicing our faith in front of others. We have so many chances to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. People will know us by our gait of righteousness, peace and joy. They're watching us. Let's go for a walk.

Gospel Meeting with Ralph Walker **The Meaning of Fellowship**

Sunday 10AM Fellowship Defined

Sunday 5PM Fellowship with God

Monday 7PM Sharing the Body

Tuesday 7PM Sharing the Gospel

Wednesday 7PM Sharing Spiritual Gifts

WEEKLY MEDITATION

"For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory."

1 THESSALONIANS 2:11-12

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Prayer Groups
Monthly | Sunday PM
See group leader

Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesdays | 10:00 AM
At the building

College Ladies' Devo
Thursdays | 7:00 PM
At the building

College Men's Devo
Thursdays | 7:00 PM
At the building

College Students' Devo
Fridays | 7:00 PM
At the building