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INTRODUCTION

Though this topic is titled, "Walking alone with Christ" it is not about separating from all Christian fellowship, nor is it about separating from faithful brothers and sisters in Christ or purposely isolating oneself completely from others in Christ's Kingdom. The focus is about walking alone with Christ in the mind and the heart it is about living to please God and not man.

THE DIFFICULTY OF WALKING ALONE WITH CHRIST

Walking alone with Christ is difficult because we long for others to understand us, we want them to comprehend the motive behind our actions we can't bear the thought of being misunderstood, but we will all be misunderstood at various times. In fact, our motives, actions and the reasons why we do or don't do a thing will often be misunderstood especially when it is something we don't do, but others think we should be doing. The collective voice of the world and even sometimes the church constantly screams, rush here, rush there, be busy do this do that until we feel guilty when we just sit. Yet the Bible says, godliness is contentment, if a Christian is content in themselves it is a sign that they are dwelling in the presence of God and with Christ. Being misunderstood helps us to learn how we are to walk with Christ alone, but it can be a lonely path our emotions long for people to understand us, we want others to understand our actions and our motives, but the reality is that in many situations they never will. It's not a lonely path in the sense that we have no friends or fellowship, but lonely because no one understands our motives or our actions. We all at some stage have to die to this desire to be understood; otherwise we will live to win the approval of others rather than walk alone with Christ.

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We want to be rewarded or acknowledged for what we have done. We want others to know the sacrifices we have made for Christ, the secret moments in prayer, the tears we have shed, and the time spent meditating on Christ or reading his word. The knowledge we have or the time we give to God, all those things we do or experience that no one else sees or knows about. Others may look at us and even judge us lazy, because other things are not done, or perhaps think of us as a lesser Christian because we are not giving our time to a work that they are called to do. They don't understand why we are not helping in the work they are passionate about because they don't see the secret cries of the heart before God; all they see is our outward lack of participating in what they think we should be doing. It is hard to walk with Christ alone; we so much want to be seen as a dedicated spiritual person totally committed to God, but often the things we do that are before God do not appear outwardly as a spiritual work.

This is because God is not only found in a church service, but is also with us in the secular and the mundane things of life, i.e., shopping, mowing lawns, cleaning the house, washing dishes etc., when we leave our church or Bible group and go to our secular jobs God goes with us, He does not stay confined to the four walls of the church building. He is with us when we are gardening, going for a walk, driving the car, spending time with our children, our husband or our wife. God's Spirit is not dependent on music or the atmosphere, fellow believers or Bible study groups or even church itself, these are all good in themselves but God's presence also exists outside of their existence wherever we are God's Spirit and His comfort can be found because it is not the environment that determines God's presence, but our faith. Some can cope with a lot of activity and thrive on it while others thrive with God on less, neither should judge the

other, each of us must walk with Christ alone. We and God are the only ones who know our motives and what we are able to handle, if we are united with Christ then to live true to our hearts desire is to live true to God, walking alone with Christ is learning to look to Christ for his approval rather than to what others may expect of us. We want people to speak well of us, we want people to think we are a good person and especially a good Christian, this desire to win the approval of others is experienced in many as, "Drivenness." Drivenness often comes from trying to live up to other people's expectations or what we think we should be doing, but it is in these times that Christ may be saying:

- *It's you and me, I have not called you to live before other people or please them. I want you to walk alone with me. Whatever is in your heart to do or not to do is OK with me, it may not be OK with others, but if you are OK with it and feel it is what is important for your life and your personal Christian growth and my Kingdom then that is my will for you." Other Christians may not understand your actions or motives, but are you living your life for them or for me?*

It is not God's will for us to be driven; he has called us to peace. Christ wants the faithful and those that belong to him to live in their own confidence, knowing that he is pleased when they enjoy what they do and find peace in doing it even though others who are demanding their time may not understand their actions or their motives. We so much want to be accepted and approved of and have others understand why we do what we do, but in many cases, we have to accept that our actions and motives will often not be understood. There is a great movie called, "Chariots of Fire." It is a true story about a Jewish Christian who was at that time in history the fastest man on earth (running). He was running in the Olympic Games and his wife was worried that he had lost sight of God. She thought this because their ultimate goal was to become missionaries in China. He said to her:

- *Darling when I run I feel such joy, I do not feel that joy in anything else I do, if I deny that joy I am denying God who has given me this gift. I will run in the Olympics for the Lord and to his glory and then we will go to China and serve God in mission work.*

That's exactly what he and his wife did, after winning his race, he took his wife to China and they gave their lives to the Lord's work. Through amazing circumstance and the media, the entire world knew that this man who had a gift from God was running for God's glory. He had the confidence that at that period of time in his life what he was doing was God's purpose for him, even though much of the Christian world and even his own wife thought otherwise. No doubt his fame opened many doors to help and aid his ministry to the Chinese people. It is difficult to walk alone with Christ, because often we are misunderstood, but walking with Christ is the place God wants us to bring us to.