

So I Walk Wk 3 Power Walk

SERIES RECAP:

So I Walk Series - **we all are heading somewhere.**

Every ACTION I TAKE, THOUGHT I THINK, RELATIONSHIP I CHOOSE, OPPORTUNITY I STEP IN TO, MINDSET I KEEP, or HABIT I ADOPT is leading my life somewhere.

What ACTION am I taking that will help me get where I want to be?

1 Corinthians 4:20

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power...”

We need to not just talk about it - we need to **ACT on it. We need to BE IT.**

Week 1 - Mind (Mind games)- We learned that the mind we keep is the life we will reap. We talked about renewing our mind and giving Jesus not just our heart - but our MIND

Week 2 - Habits - We learned that habits take time and they grow. **And that the life we live is locked in the habits we keep.** Breaking bad habits and replacing them with good ones.

Walking with a healthy mind, walking in good habits - will cause us to look different than the rest of the world.

Pastor Elisha said week 1: It is a lot easier to live **CONFORMED** than **TRANSFORMED.**

Romans 12:2 -

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Behavioral analysts have researched that you can tell a lot about a person by the way they walk.

Any Fast walkers?? - Fast walkers tend to be extroverted and sometimes aggressive

Any Stiff or slow walkers?? - You are more tapped into your creative side.

Anyone swing their arms? - you are very confident (Connor McGregor lookin)

Your walk tells a lot about you.

Question: What does your (proverbial) walk say about you?

We aren't called to walk conformed but transformed.

Walking in a healthy mind - will look different than the rest of the world. Walking with good habits - will look different than the rest of the world.

And the difference between walking transformed vs. conformed is by walking in power.

Walking in Power

PRAY

WHAT IS THE POWER THAT WE HAVE?

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1 Corinthians 4:20

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power...”

What kind of power are we talking about?

John 14:12

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”

God has given us His power. When we believe in Him!

Scripture also says that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you for those believe.

2 Timothy 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us POWER, love and self-discipline.

Are we walking like we have that power? Are we tapping into that power?

I think about someone who walked in that Power.

PETER

Set it up:

- Peter and John were on their way to temple. Jesus had ascended into heaven. They were beginning to tell everyone around them about Jesus!

Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Observations:

This man was lame from birth - sitting at the temple gates.

He saw them - but then he looked at them. **It became more than a passing moment of charity - it was a PERSONAL ENCOUNTER. (God’s power is not charity - it is personal.)**

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WHAT DOES WALKING IN POWER LOOK LIKE?

1. WALKING IN POWER looks like WALKING WITH GOD

Being close to God.

How did Peter know to do this?

This was the first miracle since Jesus

If it were me, I would have just given the man money, food. And while that is good and we should give to those in need,

The difference between walking TRANSFORMED vs CONFORMED is by doing the things Jesus did!

Peter chose to HEAL the man altogether! How did he know to do this?

Because he walked with Jesus!

JESUS HEALED A LAME MAN TOO

One of the first miracles Jesus did and that Peter saw was when Jesus healed a lame man. He told him to get up and walk.

And then he remembered what Jesus told him when he walked with him.

John 14:12

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."

And so that is why Peter knew to say *"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."*

Peter walked in power because he was walked with Jesus! He continued to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit too!

We WALK in POWER when we WALK with HIM

Ephesians 6:10

10 Finally, be strong IN the Lord and IN HIS mighty power.

He is our source of power. So why not walk with Him? Have Close relationship with Him? Bring him with you wherever you go?

So often times we don't walk with God. We only have visits with God.

ILLUSTRATION - POWER UPS

Examples: We get a power up at camp - and then we go back to school - we completely forget about Jesus, what he did in your life, about God's word... and then we get to a

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place where we are hopeless, we don't know how to get out of troubles, and then we **REMEMBER!**

Run back to Jesus! Gotta get that power up!

Then we start living life. We attend a small group.. love it! But then life goes on, we get caught up our activities. Our friendships - we use our free time on our phones - killing time. And then we get to a place where we don't know what to do - our family is going through it - maybe we are getting caught up in an addiction we can't seem to stop - and then we remember - oh yeah!

Run back to Jesus! Get that Power Up

When really... in order to walk in power we need to just WALK WITH HIM.

We can't keep running back to God for power. We need to stay connected!

1. Be in the word! 2. Talk with God. Bring him with you wherever you go! **And when you face a temptation you turn to Him. Etc.**

2. WALKING IN POWER looks like WALKING GOD'S WAY

When we walk in OBEDIENCE - we are submitting to Jesus - we are saying Your way is better!

John 8:31

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples."

If you say you follow Me, if you want to walk like me, walk with power - you need to submit to my word. You need live according to scripture.

This looks DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD - **"LIVE YOUR TRUTH"**
Choose what we want from scripture instead of obeying all of it -

"Then you will know the TRUTH the TRUTH will set you FREE."

The difference between walking TRANSFORMED vs. CONFORMED is by choosing GOD'S WAY over MY WAY.

What does this look like on a practical level?

EXAMPLES:

1. Trust the Word of God.
 2. Follow Through on the Word of God
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3. WALKING IN POWER looks like taking HIS STEPS

Taking BIG Steps - GOD sized steps.

Jesus said "GREATER things you will do than me because my power is in you!"

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Can you imagine if Peter doubted that and chose to move on from the lame man because he doubted the power God gave him?

Peter had to learn to **CHANGE HIS PACE**. He had to move away from making small steps matching his pace with Jesus!

Some of us have been taking tiny steps. We have been praying prayers that aren't big enough. We need to be praying big prayers! We need to take **BIG STEPS** - CHANGE the PACE.

We also need to **CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE**.

2 Corinthians 5:7

"7 For we walk by faith, not by sight."

The difference between walking TRANSFORMED vs. CONFORMED is by seeing what GOD SEES over what I SEE

But Peter's BIG STEP was stepping towards the lame man and praying for healing.

What is your BIG STEP?

- Seeing your parents addiction and seeing that God can set them free vs. that it is hopeless.. PRAY for breakthrough
- Maybe your BIG STEP is starting a Christian group on your campus. Creating a time of prayer every morning.
- What is your BIG STEP?

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1. Walking in Power looks like **WALKING WITH GOD**.
 2. Walking in Power looks like **WALKING GOD'S WAY**
 3. Walking in Power looking like **TAKING HIS STEPS**

Salvation - Walking with God - walking His Way

Response - Take that BIG STEP. What is your big step?

Walk up to leaders and give that step.