

# WALKING IN GOD'S BEST FOR YOUR LIFE

The truth of the matter is that many people are going through very difficult times and the reality is that this includes believers.

The big question is this, how does a believer deal with life's challenges – sickness, poverty, addictions, rejections and such like things.

Unless you know how to steward your salvation, your life will remain miserable because in this world you shall have trouble.

That is why this morning, I would like to talk to you on the subject matter **WALKING IN GOD'S BEST FOR YOUR LIFE.**

In order to walk in God's best for your life, you need to:

## **1. Believe in God's goodness**

- Unless you are convinced in the goodness of God, you will not be able to experience His goodness.
- This is the point; God is good all the time regardless of your current circumstances.
- Jesus has done the work that paid for your full salvation, healing, and deliverance when He died on the cross and said: "It is finished."
- The New Covenant is a Better Covenant, by which we can experience God's goodness on Christ's expense.
- The experience of God's love and favour is designed to be ever increasing and is there for you to receive.
- What does the Bible say about the goodness of God?

*Psalm 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*

- The nature of God is inherently good and you need to have this settled in your mind as you experience life. You can face the troubles of life with hope because God is inherently good and is willing and able to save.

*Psalm 100:3-5 Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.*

- God wants to give you good things that satisfy

*Psalm 103:5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*Matthew 7:11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

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*James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*

*Psalms 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.*

## **2. You qualify to benefit from the goodness of God**

- After you have been through a difficult season in your, it is possible to start thinking that you don't qualify for God's goodness.
- We often think that all those wonderful things about God is for others and not us.
- It is important that you accept the following as your truths

### **2.1 You have been adopted by Father God.**

- An adopted child has the same rights as the child born in the family, an adopted child does not play second fiddle in the house.
- However, an adopted child must start thinking and acting like a child in the house.

*Romans 8:15-17 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

### **2.2 God identifies with you and you can experience Him personally**

- God is moved and touched by your troubles – you might not feel that way but He does.

*Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

- He is close to the broken hearted

*Psalms 34:18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

- He comes not in a general way but manifests himself to them in a gracious way, pours in the oil and wine of his love, and binds up their broken hearts.

*Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.*

### **2.3 God knows about your needs**

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- In that moment of pain, it feels like God does not know, it feels like He is unconcerned, it feels like He is not interested. But is that the case?

*Matthew 6:26-33 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*

### **3. Keep the faith**

- This is so fundamental to your breakthrough – when you are in trouble, the first thing to be shaken is your faith and resolve in God.

- Faith is agreeing with God's Word through your confession and lifestyle of obedience to it.

*Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

- Your faith must go beyond agreeing with the facts and to believing the truth.

- Your faith must not depend on your physical senses

*Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."*

- Your faith must be backed up by relevant action

*James 2:14 My brothers, what profit is it if a man says he has faith and does not have works?*

*Can faith save him? ...17 Even so, if it does not have works, faith is dead, being by itself.*

- One of the major measures of faith is the fruit of your lips

*2 Corinthians 4:13 For we, having the same spirit of faith (according as it is written, "I believed, and therefore I have spoken"); we also believed and therefore speak,*

- When the devil has you cornered, he will try and silence your confession – this is where we are going to start this morning. We will declare the goodness of God over our situations.

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### 4. Engage in genuine repentance

- The church must answer the question why so many prayers are going unanswered, why the power of God is absent in church meetings, why the children of God living below God's standards.
- The answer is not the lack of power from God or His willingness to save but rather the answer lies within the church - it is a lack of genuine repentance.

*Isaiah 59:1 Behold, Jehovah's hand is not shortened so that it cannot save, nor is His ear heavy so that it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have come between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, from hearing.*

- We will also confess our sins so that no sin can stand against us as we enter the mercy sit.
- The church has not physically murdered but
  - the church has forsaken its first love,
  - the church has become more worldly than the world itself,
  - the church has lost the honor of God and His servants,
  - the church is more concerned about formalities than real engagement with heaven.
  - The church is full of apathy and has become lukewarm.