

MERE MORTALS WALKING WITH GOD

Very few pictures are as beautiful as that of a strong bond between a father and a son. Typically, the son starts off weak, depending on the father for survival but would later take on the father's strength and character. The father goes out of his way to ensure that the son is well taken care of.

The father understands life and wants his son to avoid certain pitfalls. At the same time, the son is frivolous and sometimes starts off being rebellious but with time he realizes that he needs his father to make it in life. As the son grows, so does his appreciation of his father's character and effort.

It is a case of the weak counting on the strong, the poor counting on the rich. However, in some cases things don't work out between the two because it all comes down to the depth of the relationship that exists between them.

This natural relationship mimics that which should exist between a child of God and God the Father. In that relationship, there is a greater and a lesser, there is a weaker and a stronger, there is a perfect and an imperfect, but the benefits of that set are invaluable. There is something of heaven that happens when a child of God goes on a journey with God.

This brings me to the new series we will be embarking on till the end of the year. This morning, I want to lay the foundation for our latest series titled **MERE MORTALS WALKING WITH GOD**.

We will be exploring what it means and what it takes for fallible humans to walk with the infallible God.

- On the one hand we have the great and immortal God, who cannot be approached anyhow and on the other, there are mere mortals. Let's talk a little bit about God the immortal.
- Immortality is a state or condition free from both death and decay, which only exists in God.

1 Timothy 6:16 [God] who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen

- The immortality of God speaks of perfection, indestructibility, most absolute and eternal. This is absolute strength and glory.
- There are therefore implications in walking with God – in the presence of the immortal God, life takes on a different meaning.
- It then makes it a big deal to think of walking with Jehovah God. Let's then look briefly at the state of the mortals.

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Job 14:1-2 Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He springs up like a flower and withers away; like a fleeting shadow, he does not endure.

Psalms 103:15 As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

James 4:14 What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

- The above 3 scriptures were written by men who were separated by thousands of years and yet they came to the same conclusion – that the lifespan of a man short and fleeting, his is a life full of trouble and extremely needy at best.
- Since the fall of man in the garden, man became inherently weak by nature. Without external intervention from God the immortal, man will deteriorate until there is nothing left.
- Unfortunately, the rebellion that took place in the garden brought with it a deception that says man does not need God and is self-asserting.
- But something happens when mere mortals decide to walk with the mortal God. A great exchange happens in the process.

1 Corinthians 15:53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

2 Timothy 1:10 But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

- Since God alone is immortal, something will have to change in order for human beings, who are perishable and mortal, to become immortal. That change will take place at the resurrection.
- When you give your life to Jesus, you are on your way to becoming immortal where you will live in the presence of Christ for eternity.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the Resurrection and the Life! He who believes in Me, though he die, yet he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?

- It is not your portion to remain in a place of defeat, rather God has made a way to turn your weaknesses into strengths.
- When mere mortals walk with the immortal God, the perishable gives way for the imperishable.

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- When mortals walk with the immortal God, things that would ordinarily be impossible for mere human beings will become possible.
- In other words, walking with God will change your life for eternity – you will walk in victory here on earth and in the afterlife.
- It sounds like a no brainer in that it is looks too good to refuse the opportunity to walk with God. But alas, the notion of walking with God has illuded humanity since the fall of man in the garden of Eden.
- By nature, man is not inclined to walk with and towards God.
- In other words, do not underestimate the resistance that rises when the idea of walking with God is suggested to you.

Romans 3:10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own received Him not.

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than the Light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

- There is something about the human nature that is anti-God, that wants to self-assert. In other words, rebellion is stuck in the heart of a man.
- That is why even after the regeneration of the spirit, every child of God needs to continue fighting off the urge to rebel and run away from God.
- This explains why church folk find it difficult to follow simple instructions like the attendance of prayer, engaging in bible study groups – it does not come naturally because this is spiritual.
- Whilst mere mortals are naturally inclined to run away from God, God on the other hand is naturally inclined to pursue mankind.
- The immortal God wants to be known by mere mortals.
- Isn't it amazing that the greater and the stronger is more concerned about walking with the weak?

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- We will cover this in greater depth, but it is worth reminding you that God is pursuing after you.
- When man had committed treason in the garden of Eden, it was God who came looking for him. When man heard God walking in the garden, man ran away from God.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of Jehovah God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jehovah God in the middle of the trees of the garden. 9 And Jehovah God called to Adam and said to him, Where are you? 10 And he said, I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I am naked, and I hid myself.

- God will seek you out even when everyone around you has given up on you.
- Before foundations of the earth, God knew that man was going rebel against Him and before it happened, He came up with a redemption plan that was ultimately fulfilled in Jesus our Lord.

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Isaiah 65:1-3 I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks;