

Preaching - journey

- Not - I've arrived,
so come to where I
am

But - Travel with me

God's dealings with
me - intimacy.

W.W.G #1 - Enoch

Gen 5:18-24 ¹⁸When Jared had lived 162 years

he fathered Enoch. ¹⁹Jared lived after he

fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons

and daughters. ²⁰Thus all the days of Jared

were 962 years, and he died. ²¹When Enoch

had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah.

²²Enoch walked with God after he fathered

Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and

daughters. ²³Thus all the days of Enoch were

365 years. ²⁴Enoch walked with God, and he

was not, for God took him. **ESV**

Gen 5 - history of the first 1000 years of this earth. Adam & Eve & their children & grandchildren.

Most of the people mentioned in this chapter only get a very brief mention - their name & the names of their children & how old they were when they died.

We know more about Enoch tho' than most of the other members of his family.

Because the world before the flood was very different, people lived a lot longer.

Adam lived until he was 930 years old! Therefore, Enoch would have known Adam! Enoch was 308 years old when Adam died.

Just imagine being able to talk to Adam & to hear him tell stories about how things were in the world at the very beginning.

Context

Family man - Enoch was married & had 3 sons so he would have experienced all the usual problems & joys of life just like us. He knew what it was to work hard & raise his children.

Wicked generation - Gen 6:5

“... the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

So just like us, Enoch knew what it was to live amongst people who did not believe in God, who in fact hated God & sinned.

Walked with God

With all the other people mentioned so far in this chapter we read that they "lived" - with Enoch tho' we read something different and something very important - twice we read that **Enoch walked with God** - v22, 24.

We too can walk with God, how, in spite of the age we live in we can not just live but walk with God. Not just exist!

EVERYONE IN ROOM

This is something that applies to us all - it isn't for the monks and the mystics, it is for people who are married, who have kids, who go to work, who hear bad language around them all day long and live in a society that is anti-God and mocks those who love Him - just as it was in Enoch's day!

Definition?

Fellowship with God.

Ge 5:22 After the birth of Methuselah, Enoch lived another 300 years in close fellowship with God, and he had other sons and daughters. **NLT**

Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God after the birth of Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. **AMP**

To walk with God implies fellowship with God, a sharing, a life participation with another person.

Too often we may think of fellowship as a coffee morning or a quick chat after the meeting - that is who we define fellowship.

Far deeper - **life sharing, partnership.** That is the level of relationship Enoch had with God!

Got Along With

Another translation of the phrase "walked with" is simply "got along with". Enoch got along with God!

Do you know it's possible for you and God to get along together? We need to understand that is the depth of relationship we are called to with God.

Agreement With

When we think of people getting along what comes to mind? Two people who share the same interests, have the same desires, the same passion, they enjoy the same things and dislike the same things.

Am 3:3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? NKJV

In order for us to know close fellowship with God, to get along with Him there has to be agreement between us . That is why we need to be saved! Naturally we are enemies to God but God became flesh and dealt with our sins so that we could be changed made right in God's sight.

- Is there practical & ongoing agreement in your heart of hearts with God?
- Are you learning to love the things He loves & hate things He hates?
- Are you in agreement with what you read in God's word?
- Are you endeavouring to bring your life into agreement with God's will as revealed in His word?

We can only walk with Him if we are in agreement!

Conversant

The same phrase as "walked with" in Genesis

is found in the Hebrew of **1Sam 25:15**

regarding David's men and Nabal's

servants/shepherds - **But the men were very**

good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither

missed we any thing, as long as we were

conversant with them, when we were in the

fields.... KJV

Conversant with God! This isn't just a one-off chat but ongoing conversation. having regular or frequent conversation;

= intimately associated; acquainted.

Enoch lived like this for 300 years, it was his lifestyle!

Is it yours? Regularly? Frequently?

Anything & everything! (Php 4:4). Two way.

My experience with new job.

Trust/confidence

Trust is foundational to any relationship - especially our relationship with God. **Heb 11:5-6** **By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6But 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. We need to trust God, to think the best of Him when things are going wrong. Have a high opinion of God!**

In Christ & Abiding

I thank God for the precious truth of is being "in Christ".

Give e.g's.

But - as well as being in Christ, we are also to abide in Christ - **Jn 15:4-7** **Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you**

are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I
in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart
from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does
not abide in me he is thrown away like a
branch and withers; and the branches are
gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If
you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for
you.

What is "abiding"? Maintain a living communion with me , and I with you. Just as the branch is unable to be bearing fruit from itself as a source unless it remains in a living union with the vine, so neither you, unless you maintain a living communion with me. Wuest. You must go on growing in me and I will grow in you. For just as the branch cannot bear any fruit unless it **shares the life of the vine , so you can produce nothing unless you go on growing in me. JBP.**

I am concerned that sometimes we rest in the truths of who & what we are in Christ but don't go on to pursue living & vibrant relationship with Him. We can walk with Him!

Testimony of Chinese Christian cleaning cess
pit.

Moving Forward

Walking with God also implies moving forward.

You cannot walk and stay where you are -
you are moving forward

- Do you know God more than you did last year?
- Is there a progression in your relationship
- Do you understand God and His ways more?
- Do you love righteousness more and hate sin more?
- Are you getting along better than you used

- Are your ways & thoughts now more in agreement with His?
- Are you more conversant?
- Are you growing more intimate with Him or have you lapsed into **dry, formal routine** - the death of any relationship!

- Eruch - next for
walk, didn't come
back!

Walking in close, habitual fellowship with God, getting along with Him is **God's purpose for each one of us.**

We get there by daily bringing our thoughts, words and lifestyles in line with Him so that we are in agreement.

We walk with God by learning to become conversant with Him - pour out your heart to Him and take time to listen to Him.

Walk with Him, maintain a living communion with Him - even when you seem up to your neck in it and trouble is all around you.