

**Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

*Vs 7. "We walk by faith and not by sight."*

Our is a personal faith in a living Person.

**I. As we walk with the Lord, He reminds us that these are not permanent conditions.**

Paul speaks about **the reality of our life beyond this world** with the Lord in heaven. We don't live believing what we see is all there is to life. We walk by faith.

**But not living by sight does not mean living by blind faith. Unseen doesn't mean unreal.**

We are to live our lives here with an awareness that these are not permanent conditions.

**II. As we walk with the Lord, He reminds us that He is with us.**

**Additional Verses to Meditate Upon:**

- Matthew 28:20 (KJV): "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."
- John 14:17 (NIV): " He lives with you and will be in you."
- Romans 1:6 (NIV): "And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ."
- Isaiah 41:10 (NIV): "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

He is with us in every way but visibly.

**III. As we walk with the Lord He reminds us that He has a plan**

In the fullness of time Jesus was born. At just the right time Christ died. At the appointed time Jesus will return. God has a plan and He is working it. He's planned His work and He's working His plan.

But just because the Lord is with us, and the Lord has a plan, it doesn't mean the journey will be easy. It won't be; we will be harassed by tribulations.

**IV. As we walk with the Lord, He helps us to be unafraid.**

- But that doesn't mean He makes us immune to fear. David said, in Psalm 56:3 "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you" and again in Psalm 23 "I will fear no evil because Thou art with me."
- Fear is part of the faith process. **The goal isn't to be fearless, but to trust Christ with our fears.**
- This principle applies to every aspect of our lives. It's not about being **pride-free**, but about surrendering our pride to Christ. It's not about **achieving perfect love**, but about

bringing our unlove to Him. It's not about being **anxiety-free**, but about bringing our worries to Christ. It's not about **never struggling with forgiveness**, but about offering our hurts and resentment to Him. It's not about being **strong**, but allowing Christ's power to be made perfect in our weakness. It's not about **having all the answers**, but about trusting Christ to guide us one step at a time.

- Jesus Himself said that He came not for the healthy, but for the sick. Now how liberating is that!" Christ came to set us free by setting us straight on **trusting in Him**.