

# Walking by Faith - Outline

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*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8–9, NIV)*

God, by his grace, teaches us to obey Him. God's grace transforms our life.

*For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, (Titus 2:11–13, NIV)*

Faith works the same way. Faith transforms our life.

*As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the **God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.** (Romans 4:17, NIV)*

The key to walking by faith:

Jesus said, “Remain in Me.”

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. (John 15:5–8, NIV)*

1. We stay connected, so God can do the producing.

*I am the vine; you are the branches. (John 15:5a, NIV)*

I am the branch. I get to bear fruit.

He is the source of all energy and effectiveness in life.

### Three tips:

#### a. spiritual breathing

exhale – confess your sins to God

inhale – invite Holy Spirit to come and fill you up

#### b. a daily encounter

#### c. a commitment to a spiritual family of believers

### 2. Stop complaining so that God can do the pruning.

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. (John 15:1–2, NIV)*

Sometimes God has to take things out of your life to prepare you for the next season.

When you complain, you disconnect.

### 3. Step confidently into your new identity so that God can give you new power.

*If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing.** (John 15:5b)*

*If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, (Romans 11:17, NIV)*

Until you fully see your identity you will never fulfill your destiny.

**Then David knew** that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel. (2 Samuel 5:12, NIV)

*For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, **but gives us power, love and self-discipline.** (2 Timothy 1:7, NIV)*

*The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (Romans 4:23–25, NIV)*