

How To Walk In the Spirit And Not Grow Weary



"It's a struggle" I replied. "In the language of Scripture," he said, "The word for wind is ruach. But it has another meaning; it also means Spirit. In Hebrew, the Holy Spirit is the Holy Wind. So what happens when you walk against the wind?" "It creates drag. It becomes harder to walk and you get tired." "In the same way," he said, "When you walk against the Spirit, it creates a drag on your life. Everything you do becomes harder. It takes more

energy to do less..." "So when you go against His Spirit, you are fighting against the Wind. And you can't walk against the direction of the Wind without getting weary or worn out." "And what way is the direction of the Wind, the Spirit?" The Spirit is the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it blows in the direction of the holy, and blows against the direction of the unholy. Now try something else. Turn around and walk back, in the same direction you came." So I did. I was now walking in the direction of the Wind's blowing. "And what was that like?" he asked. "It was much easier," I said. "That because there was no drag," he said. You were walking in the direction of the wind. And the wind helped you walk. It moved you ahead. It made your walk easier... So when you walk against the wind it creates a drag. But if you turn around, then the wind gives you power. So it is with the Spirit. If you turn, if you change your course, if you repent, if you walk in the Spirit, then the drag will disappear... "Then the Spirit will empower you and you will move forward. And then everything you do, that you must do, will become easier." "So if you walk in the Spirit," I said, "Life will go from being a drag to a breeze." "Yes," said the teacher. For those who walk in the Spirit, the Wind is at their back." (John 3:8) "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (Acts 2:2) "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting." (Galatians 5:16-17) "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish." (Johnathan Cahn)

Mission

What part of your life is against the direction of the Spirit? Today, turn it around and start walking with the Wind at your back. (Johnathan Cahn)



"How Strange," said the teacher. We're born into this world. We've never been anywhere else. And yet, we never feel at home here. It's the only place we've ever known, and yet still we're never quite at home within it... "We're never at home with its pain and sorrow, with its growing old and dying, with its loses and death, its imperfections, everything

passes away. Even in the best of times and circumstances, something's always missing..." "...It can never fill our hearts. And the longer we're in this world, the less at home we are within it." He paused to look up for a moment at the starlit sky above us. "Where does the story of the Passover begin"? "In Egypt." "...Of seeing everything we know and love grow old and pass away. There is a home, but this world is not it. And our salvation begins at Passover. And Passover is not only about being free... It's about coming home, coming home to God, and coming home to home." "So home is..." "The place for which our hearts were made...that place of no more sorrows and dying and death...and no evil or imperfection...and where nothing grows old anymore or passes away...the eternal...the Promise Land...Heaven." ("The Book of Mysteries" Written by Rabbi Johnathan Cahn a Messianic Jew) "We are made for that home. The picture of salvation is Passover. Jesus is our Passover. We are not made for home that passes away. We are made for eternity. We are made for something better and that is why we are longing for something that does exist. It's in our hearts. We are coming home though we have never been there before it will be home. (Johnathan Cahn)

The Kingdom Of God



Narrow Is The Gate

"The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed. . . . The kingdom of God is in the midst of you" (Luke 17:20-21). Romans 14:17 says that the kingdom of God is a matter "of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." The gospel of the kingdom is the good-news message of repentance, redemption, and restoration offered by God to all who will receive Christ. Those who accept this offer become part of His eternal kingdom (John 1:12) "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." Those who choose to remain in their sin cannot be a part of this kingdom (1 Corinthians 6:9) "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived." Although grace makes this offer available to anyone who will receive it, Jesus warned that it would be very difficult to enter His kingdom and few would do so. (Matthew 7:14) "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."



### Jesus Prays For Us / "They Are Not Of The World"

**"I have given them Your Word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I Am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I Am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may**

**be sanctified by the truth.** (John 17:14-19) Christ does not pray that they might be rich and great in the world, but that they might be kept from sin, strengthened for their duty, and brought safe to heaven. **The prosperity of the soul is the best prosperity.** He pleaded with His Holy Father, that He would keep them by His power and for His glory, that they might be united in affection and labors, even according to the union of the Father and the Son. **He did not pray that His disciples should be removed out of the world,** that they might escape the rage of men, for they had a great work to do for the glory of God, and the benefit of mankind. But He prayed that the Father would keep them from the evil, from being corrupted by the world, the remains of sin in their hearts, and from the power and craft of Satan. **So that they might pass through the world as through an enemy's country, as He had done. They are not left here to pursue the same objects as the men around them, but to glorify God, and to serve their generation.** The Spirit of God in true Christians is opposed to the spirit of the world. Christ next prayed for the disciples, that they might not only be kept from evil, but made good. It is the prayer of Jesus for all that are His, that they may be made holy. Even disciples must pray for sanctifying grace. The means of giving this grace is, **"through thy truth, thy Word is truth."** Sanctify them, set them apart for Thyself and Thy service. **The Kingdom of God involves repentance and the new birth, as God rules in the hearts of His children in this world in preparation for the next.**

### Citizens of the Kingdom

Jesus said, **"My kingdom is not of this world"** (John 18:36). So, although we must live here until God calls us home, we are not to live for ourselves or according to this world's value system. Those who have been bought by the blood of Jesus have been given the right to live according to God's value system. Citizens of the Kingdom of God live here on assignment from our Father the King. Living with a Kingdom mindset empowers us to make wiser decisions as we invest our lives in furthering the Gospel of the Kingdom.

### We Are Strangers In This World

As a Christian, you are a stranger in this world of unbelievers. You may be the same on the outside as everyone else, but on the inside you are different. Christian fit into a different scheme and hold different values than that of the world. We are not going to be here forever. We are not earth-bound.

Why should we hold to this life so tightly? One day we must go. We can't take it with us. We should hold things of this life loosely. Success and money will not make a big impression in heaven. Are you homesick for heaven? Christians do not fit into the scheme of things down here. The world tries to force us into its mold. They do not like to be reminded that there are higher standards. We reject their values. We reject their philosophy of life. We march differently than the non-Christian because we march according to a different drum beat. We are going in a different direction. We do not belong here as our permanent residence. We are just passing through. We are out of place. We do not fall in line with the parade of this world. We are heaven-born and heaven-bound. **"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"** (Philippians 3:20).

### Ways We Are Different From The World

- 1) You don't think like them.
- 2) You don't act like them.
- 3) You don't have the same customs as they do.
- 4) You don't have the same goals and desires.
- 5) They use the Lord's name in vain, participate in the deeds of darkness. You are not like them.
- 6) They glorify themselves. You glorify God.
- 7) Some glorify false gods. You glorify the True God.
- 8) You are different inside. And it shows.



### We Are The Salt Of The Earth



We must be patient and loving in this world to the unbelievers. Let them see your good deeds so that you may glorify God. God leaves us here as light and salt. We are here to influence others for Christ. We do not want to go to heaven alone. We want to take others

with us: father, mother, brother, sister, friends, neighbors and yes, even our enemies. **"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."** (2 Peter 3:9)