

# Living to Win

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## Where Jesus Walked

**I walked today where Jesus  
walked,  
In days of long ago.  
I wandered down each path He  
knew,  
With reverent step and slow.**

It is a beautiful old song, and I had heard it many times, always assuming that the songwriter had visited the Holy Land and had been touched by the experience. Having been to Israel and Palestine many times, I was rather blasè about the song. The poet's lines, "Those little lanes, they have not changed, A sweet peace fills the air," left me untouched. The little lanes have changed drastically and there has never been a sweet peace filling the air in Palestine.

But one day, in total solitude and forced immobility, I was listening to the music and was strangely moved by it. I know nothing of the story behind the song, but I came to realize that it was much more than a Holy Land travelog. And that you don't have to go to Israel to walk, today, where Jesus walked. All you have to do is read His story, to follow Him from Nazareth to Jerusalem, from Jerusalem to Bethany, from

Capernaum to the shores of the Sea of Galilee, "with reverent step and slow." And that when you do, you can feel Him close to you.

I think it was the "reverent step and slow" line that changed my mind. Like everyone else, my life is hectic and seems to get more so all the time. I had to be pinned down in a doctor's office, unable to move while I took a treatment. I had a headset on listening to the song, and it took that for me to appreciate what I was hearing and to actually think about it.

And so with reverent step and slow I started to consider anew the truth that Jesus was a real person who walked the trails and lanes of Palestine, who was tempted in all points as I am and who Himself never sinned. I began to realize that in walking the streets of my own town, I am walking where Jesus walked. I am being tempted as He was tempted. I am encountering sick people just as He did. I eat with publicans and sinners, just as He did. Unlike Him, I am not without sin, but I can walk, today, where Jesus walked and perhaps, with reverent step and slow, I can feel Him close to me.

**My pathway led to Bethlehem,  
with memories ever sweet.  
The little hills of Galilee,**

## That knew those childish feet.

Even when I was a boy, exploring the woods, hills and streams of the Ozarks with my dog, I was walking where Jesus walked. Born in Bethlehem, laid in a manger, Jesus was every bit the boy that I was. He faced all the dangers, joys, thrills, and pains of childhood. And the curious thing about all this is that even as a boy, there were times when I felt Him close to me. There were times I prayed. There were times when I was in fear that I comforted myself by imagining myself in the lap of God with His arms around me.

All around me I see children, and if they only knew, they could have Jesus walking with them every day of their lives. If someone will take the time to lead them down the paths from Bethlehem to Egypt to Nazareth and introduce them to Jesus they will always have a Friend

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who understands them and cares about them. Even in the dark, they will never be alone. But someone has to tell them.

**I knelt today where Jesus knelt,  
Where all alone He prayed.  
The Garden of Gethsemane,  
My heart felt unafraid.**

I know that if I had been there with Peter and John while Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, I would have fallen asleep too. But now, all these years later, everything is different. Now I understand what Jesus was facing that night in the garden, and I can kneel and pray with Him. But there is something very strange about the experience. Jesus was praying that if it were possible, the cup might pass from Him. If I am kneeling beside Him, I know that my life depends on His drinking of that cup.

So how do I, kneeling with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, pray? Can my prayers reach back to that night in the garden and, like the angel God sent to Him, strengthen Him as He prays with sweat like great drops of blood on His brow? Can my prayers help Him make His decision to accept the will of the Father?

When I kneel in prayer, especially in great trouble, I kneel today where Jesus knelt. But I don't pray alone. I know that He prays with me and my heart is unafraid.

**I picked my heavy burden up,  
And with Him at my side,  
I climbed the Hill of Calvary,  
Where on the Cross He Died!**

When I think about it, my burden does not seem so heavy. But His words come down through time to me: "If any

man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

And so, what burden I have, I have to pick it up and walk with Him where He went. In suffering pain, I am walking where Jesus walked. In loss of friends and betrayal, I am walking where Jesus walked. In suffering humiliation, I am walking where Jesus walked. I can find no road, no lane, no trail, where Jesus has not walked. Even when the time comes to die, even if it is in great pain, I will be walking where Jesus walked. He walked every one of those roads with grace and without sin. And by His grace, so can I.

Today, I look at the story of Jesus with a new perspective. He is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. Every road begins and ends with Him. If I am going to carry His name and call myself a Christian, I must, "with reverent step and slow," walk every day where Jesus walked. And I must know that He is ever close to me.

**I walked today where Jesus  
walked,  
And felt Him close to me.**

**Ronald L. Dart**

*\*Where Jesus Walked - Author Unknown*

## To Be a Christian

When J. Paul Getty was the richest man in the world, he went to the trouble to write a book. The title was *How to Be Rich*. The book was not about how to get rich. That would surely have been a best seller. But Getty thought being rich was a mind set, an approach to life. His book was not about becoming, but being.

There is a similar distinction to be made in the Christian life, because a lot of people seem to think that becoming a Christian is the deciding point. They don't give a lot of thought to "Being" a Christian. Ronald Dart develops this theme in a message delivered at a Christian Renewal Conference in Brisbane, Australia.

What is required of us to *be* a Christian? Mr. Dart lists and explains five things we must *be* if we are going to call ourselves Christians. To receive a *free* cassette tape of this message, just check the box on the enclosed card and return it to us.

### **Bacchiocchi's Bargain Books**

You can save more than 33% off the retail price of any or all of Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi's four books: *God's Festivals in Scripture and History – Fall Festivals*, *God's Festivals in Scripture and History – Spring Festivals*, *Immortality or Resurrection*, and *Divine Rest for Human Restlessness*. Gain unique knowledge and insights from this renown biblical scholar. Each book is priced at \$9.95, so order now and save while you can, as there are limited quantities of each book.

## 2003 Feast - Bigger and Better

*We've heard you. Surveys have been read and discussed. And the Festival Association is planning ways to implement suggestions that will help everyone enjoy next year's Feast of Tabernacles even more. Remember, it begins October 11, 2003 and everyone at CEM is hoping you will join us.*

Where you stay and what you pay for your housing may be a determining factor in where you go to the Feast. The Feast comes later in the year in 2003. That means better winter rates will likely be available. It may also be to your advantage to return to the same place you stayed in 2002 because there may be a discount for repeat business.

Your feedback on our facilities and service is the most valuable tool we have to strengthen and improve our product. Call Horst Obermeit at 919-242-6273 or e-mail him at [horstw@juno.com](mailto:horstw@juno.com) with your thoughts or suggestions on housing and travel. They will be greatly appreciated.

Making friends, fellowshiping, and bonding opportunities are a priority at CEM's Feast. Events for families, young and old alike, are already being planned to ensure the 2003 Feast is a real celebration. You'll still be able to enjoy all of the old favorite events. New and improved social activities are being considered as well.

We've learned that our youth enjoyed the classes and parents appreciated the sound moral and biblical instruction that YEA provides their children. YEA classes grew beyond our greatest expectations in 2002. Even the tropical storm didn't dampen our spirits. Both enrollment and attendance were up dramatically over the previous years. Seam-bursting classes have shown us that the two youngest levels need two classes each. So we'll be looking for more teachers and assistant teachers for all age groups. No past experience or training is necessary. We'll provide you with a handbook giving detailed instructions. Each class is staffed with a team of teachers providing an opportunity to serve as an apprentice with experienced teachers. If you have a desire or passion to build the future today, contact Toni Coffee at [tjcoffee@903internet.com](mailto:tjcoffee@903internet.com).

The FA Logistics team is already planning better parking, more convenient seminar classrooms with better sign posting. No detail is left without consideration. If you would like to help, let us know. Our goal is to provide you with the best Feast ever in 2003. Make plans now to be there.

### **Feast of Tabernacles Christian Fellowship - Kendal, England 2002**

For the third year running the Cumbria town of Kendal was the venue for the Feast. With smaller groups it is easy to develop affection for a town and its surrounding area. This year was a little different with another group meeting only a few miles away. The many visitors were very welcome and it was good to meet old friends and new acquaintances.

This year we were greatly blessed by an Indian summer with temperatures around 20C and clear blue sky's. This is an area of outstanding beauty and very much compliments the festival message of the soon coming Kingdom of God.

We set out this year to increase our worship service with more singing and we were greatly blessed right at the last minute with some extra festival hymnals supplied by CEM. With only three speakers available we concentrated on single messages in our services which worked out very well and made the whole festival a little more relaxing for us.

We hope next year to encourage some more visitors, including more of our American and Canadian brethren, to our warm, friendly feast site, and of course it is already booked for next year in Kendal.

## Daily Radio

The *Born to Win* broadcast can be heard daily on these stations:

- Huntsville, Alabama**  
3:30 p.m. daily - WBXR 1140 AM
- Montgomery, Alabama**  
8:30 a.m. daily - WAPZ 1250 AM
- Jonesboro, Arkansas**  
6:30 p.m. daily - KBTM 1230 AM
- Little Rock, Arkansas**  
5:30 p.m. daily - KAAZ 1090 AM
- Oakdale, California**  
1:00 p.m. daily - KCBC 770 AM
- Denver, Colorado**  
5:00 a.m. daily - KLT 670 AM
- Pensacola, Florida**  
7:00 a.m. daily - WASG 550 AM  
7:00 a.m. daily - WZNO 1230 AM
- Atlanta, Georgia**  
10:30 a.m. daily - WGKA 1190 AM
- Augusta, Georgia**  
5:30 p.m. & 10:45 a.m. daily  
WFAM 1050 AM
- Morrow, Georgia**  
7:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. daily  
WSSA 1570 AM
- Kansas City, Kansas**  
4:00 p.m. daily - KCNW 1380 AM
- Richmond, Kentucky**  
12:30 p.m. daily - WCBR 1110 AM
- Gretna, Louisiana**  
4:30 a.m. daily - WLNO 1060 AM
- Denton, Maryland**  
8:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. daily  
WKDI 840 AM
- Jackson, Mississippi**  
7:00 a.m. daily - WTWZ 1120 AM
- Omaha, Nebraska**  
3:30 p.m. daily - KLNG 1560 AM
- Buffalo, New York**  
4:30 a.m. daily - WDCX 99.5 FM
- Asheville, North Carolina**  
4:00 p.m. daily - WSKY 1230 AM
- Mount Olive, North Carolina**  
11:00 a.m. daily - WDJR 1430 AM
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**  
4:30 p.m. daily - WWNL 1080 AM
- Anderson, South Carolina**  
9:00 a.m. daily - WRIX 1020 AM
- Charleston, South Carolina**  
4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. daily  
WZJY 1480 AM
- Greenville, South Carolina**  
4:30 p.m. daily - WELP 1360 AM
- Chattanooga, Tennessee**  
5:00 p.m. daily - WLMR 1450 AM
- Knoxville, Tennessee**  
5:00 p.m. daily - WITA 1490 AM

## Calendar Of Events

### December 14<sup>th</sup> - San Antonio, Texas **Meet The Teacher**

There will be a "Meet the Teacher" gathering at the Hawthorn-Riverwalk Hotel, 830 N. St. Mary's St., in San Antonio at 1:30 p.m. For more information contact John Thom at 210-979-9990 or e-mail at [webmaster@sabbath-keepers.org](mailto:webmaster@sabbath-keepers.org), or contact Faye Brown at 1-888-BIBLE-44.

Be sure to check the Calendar of Events for future meetings in your area. If you would like to have a "Meet the Teacher" session in your town, please contact Larry Watkins at [lsw@cemnetwork.com](mailto:lsw@cemnetwork.com) or call 1-888-BIBLE-44.

## Daily Radio

The *Born to Win* broadcast can be heard daily on these stations:

- Dallas, Texas**  
10:30 a.m. daily - KSKY 660 AM

The following stations broadcast daily at 2:30 p.m.

- Moses Lake, Washington**  
KTAC 93.9 FM
- Pasco, Washington**  
KGDN 101.3 FM
- Spokane, Washington**  
KSPO 106.5 FM
- Wenatchee, Washington**  
KTBI 810 AM
- Yakima, Washington**  
KYAK 930 AM



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