



**Devotional Thoughts :: Walking with Jesus ~ John Newton**

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When I speak of walking with Jesus, my idea is helped by considering how it was with His first disciples--they lived in His presence! While He stayed in a place--they stayed; and when He moved--they went with Him. Having Him thus always n ear, always in view--the sight of Him undoubtedly gave a composure to their whole behavior; and was a check upon thei r eyes, their tongues, and their actions!

When they had hard questions upon their minds--they did not puzzle themselves with vain reasonings. When they were i n need--they looked to Him for a supply. When they had difficulties and dangers--they little doubted of deliverance, know ing that He was with them.

Just so, I need a faith that shall have such an abiding, experimental conviction of His nearness and presence--as if I act ually saw Him! "Lord, increase my faith!"

Surely, if He were now upon earth, and I expected a visit from Him this afternoon--my heart would bound at the thought! With what a mixture of joy and fear would I open the door to receive Him! How cautious would I be--not to do or say anyt hing that might grieve Him, and shorten His stay with me! And how gladly, if He gave me permission to speak, would I c atch the opportunity of telling Him all my concerns! Surely I would be unwilling to let Him go--until He had healed the wo unds in my soul, and renewed my spiritual strength; until He had taught me better how to serve Him, and promised to su pport me in His service. And if I heard Him say, with an audible voice, "Though they fight against you--they shall not prev ail, for I am always with you to deliver you!" I would bid adieu to fear!

But, alas, my unbelieving heart! Are not these things true, even at present? Is He not as near and as kind? Have I not th e same reasons and the same encouragement to set Him always before me--and to tell Him . . .

all my needs,  
all my fears, and  
all my troubles--  
as if I saw Him with my bodily eyes!

"Be sure of this: I am with you always--even to the end of the age!" Matthew 28:20

(Letters of John Newton)