I. WALKING CAN REFER TO A RELATIONSHIP

HE HAS TOLD YOU, O MAN, WHAT IS GOOD: AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU BUT TO DO JUSTICE, AND TO LOVE KINDNESS, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD? —MICAH 6:8

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2. WALKING CAN REFER TO A DIRECTION

DO TWO WALK TOGETHER, UNLESS THEY HAVE AGREED TO MEET?

—AMOS 3:3

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3. WALKING IS A METAPHOR FOR A LIFE-STYLE

I THEREFORE, A PRISONER FOR THE LORD, URGE YOU TO WALK IN
A MANNER WORTHY OF THE CALLING TO WHICH YOU HAVE
BEEN CALLED, 2WITH ALL HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS,

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WITH PATIENCE, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE,

BEAGER TO MAINTAIN THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

IN THE BOND OF PEACE. —EPHESIANS 4:1-3

THE ULTIMATE DILEMMA = GOD-CREATED MAN OR SELF-EXISTENT MAN?

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"THIS IS PRECISELY WHY THE FIRST FOUR WORDS OF THE BIBLE MAY BE
THE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS: IN THE BEGINNING GOD...." THEY ARE
THUNDEROUSLY IMPORTANT. THEY REALLY DO CHANGE EVERYTHING,
FROM THE WAY THAT YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR IDENTITY, MEANING,
AND PURPOSE TO THE WAY YOU APPROACH EVEN THE MOST INCIDENTAL
OF HUMAN DUTIES, EVERYTHING THAT WAS CREATED WAS MADE BY GOD
AND FOR GOD. ALL THE GLORIES OF THE CREATED WORLD WERE
DESIGNED TO POINT TO HIS GLORY. THE UNIVERSE IS HIS, DESIGNED TO
FUNCTION ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE AND PLAN. THAT INCLUDES YOU
AND ME. WE WERE NOT MADE TO LIVE INDEPENDENT, SELF-DIRECTED
LIVES, WE WERE NOT MEANT TO EXIST ACCORDING TO OUR OWN LITTLE
SELF-ORIENTED PLANS, LIVING FOR OUR OWN MOMENTS OF GLORY.
NO, WE WERE CREATED TO LIVE FOR HIM."—PAUL DAVID TRIPP

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"THOU HAST MADE US FOR THYSELF, O LORD,
AND OUR HEART IS RESTLESS UNTIL IT FINDS ITS REST IN THEE."
—AUGUSTINE

GOD HAS PUT ETERNITY IN OUR HEARTS
(ECCLESIASTES 3:11)

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"THERE IS A GOD-SHAPED VACUUM IN THE HEART OF EVERY MAN WHICH CANNOT BE FILLED BY ANY CREATED THING, BUT ONLY BY GOD, THE CREATOR, MADE KNOWN THROUGH JESUS." —BLAISE PASCHAL

"IF—JUST THINK ABOUT IT—IF THIS IS TRUE, THEN NOTHING IS MORE VAIN THAN EVERY ATTEMPT TO FIND LIFE, LIVE LIFE AND DISCOVER MEANING IN LIFE APART FROM GOD WHO MADE YOU."

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"THE PAGES OF SCRIPTURE ARE NOT FILLED WITH MORAL PLATITUDES TELLING YOU HOW YOU CAN BECOME A BETTER PERSON. GOD DID NOT PROVIDE A SYSTEM FOR YOU TO REMEDY YOURSELF (HELP YOU BE A BETTER MAN). HE PROVIDED A PERFECT MAN—ONE WHO WOULD ACCOMPLISH THE RECOVERY OF THE HUMAN SOUL FROM THE VERY POWER AND PENALTY OF SIN THAT DOMINATES AND DESTROYS YOU. GOD PROVIDED RECONCILIATION WITH HIMSELF FOR YOU THROUGH HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST."

"2THEREFORE, JUST AS SIN CAME INTO THE WORLD THROUGH ONE MAN, AND DEATH THROUGH SIN, AND SO DEATH SPREAD TO ALL MEN BECAUSE ALL SINNED—... "YET DEATH REIGNED FROM ADAM TO MOSES, EVEN OVER THOSE WHOSE SINNING WAS NOT LIKE THE TRANSGRESSION OF ADAM, WHO WAS A TYPE OF THE ONE WHO WAS TO COME. "5... FOR IF MANY DIED THROUGH ONE MAN'S TRESPASS, MUCH MORE HAVE THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE FREE GIFT BY THE GRACE OF THAT ONE MAN JESUS CHRIST ABOUNDED FOR MANY... "ITHEREFORE, AS ONE TRESPASS LED TO CONDEMNATION FOR ALL MEN, SO ONE ACT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS LEADS TO JUSTIFICATION AND LIFE FOR ALL MEN. "FFOR AS BY THE ONE MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE THE MANY WERE MADE SINNERS, SO BY THE ONE MAN'S OBEDIENCE THE MANY WILL BE MADE RIGHTEOUS... "21SO THAT, AS SIN REIGNED IN DEATH, GRACE ALSO MIGHT REIGN THROUGH RIGHTEOUSNESS LEADING TO ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.—ROMANS 5:12, 14,15b, 18-19, 21

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"IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, GRACE MEANS
GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION TOWARD PEOPLE WHO MERITED
THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE. GRACE MEANS GOD MOVING
HEAVEN AND EARTH TO SAVE SINNERS WHO COULD NOT
LIFT A FINGER TO SAVE THEMSELVES. GRACE MEANS
GOD SENDING HIS ONLY SON TO THE CROSS
TO DESCEND INTO HELL SO THAT WE GUILTY ONES
MIGHT BE RECONCILED TO GOD
AND RECEIVED INTO HEAVEN."—J.I. PACKER



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"CRITICISM OF PRAYER UNMASKS THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY
AT THE HEART OF OUR SECULARIZED CULTURE.
BUT CRISIS UNMASKS THE IRRATIONALITY OF SUCH
SELF-SUFFICIENCY, WE THINK WE DON'T NEED GOD
ANYMORE, THAT OUR SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL,
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES HAVE MADE FAITH IN HIM
OBSOLETE AND IRRELEVANT. THEN WE FACE AN EMERGENCY
OUR HUMAN RESOURCES CANNOT SOLVE AND
WE ARE FACED WITH OUR NEED FOR SOMEONE
BEYOND OURSELVES." —DR. JIM DENISON



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