

**THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS**

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**1 John 1:6 If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the Truth.**

## WALKING IN THE LIGHT

*By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma*

Abba Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we all take this moment to give You thanks and praise for being our faithful, loving, caring, and merciful Father. Lord, please continue to bless us with Your Peaceful Presence. Father, please guide and direct us through Your Holy Spirit, in this dark and fallen world. Lord, may we continue to follow Jesus examples to live our lives for Him, and Him alone. Father, when the evil one tries to fill us up with all his lies and deceptions, please Lord, wrap Your full Armor of Righteousness around us. Lord, please continue to fill us with Your Wisdom to help us better understand Your Will for us. Father, I ask this prayer in our King and Saviors Name, Lord Jesus Christ, Hallelujah.....Amen.

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The Holy Spirit has inspired me this month, to talk about “Walking In The Light.” Most people when you say you are walking in the light, don’t have a clue what that means. “Walking In The Light” means that we are walking exclusively in the Light of the Lord Jesus Christ. The reason why born again Christians walk in the Light of the Lord, is that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. **(John 14:6)** The Bible teaches us, that we all walk in either Light or in darkness. There are no in between to walk in, its one or the other, no substitutes! What does the Bible say about Light verses darkness? In the Holy Bible, Light represents what is good, pure, true, holy, and reliable. Darkness however, represents what is sinful and evil. The statement that “God is Light “ means that God is perfectly Holy, and true and that He alone can guide us out of the darkness of sin. Light is also related to truth, in that light exposes whatever exists, whether it is good or bad. In the dark, good and evil look alike; in Gods Light, they can be clearly distinguished. Just as darkness cannot exist in the presence of light, sin can not exist in the Presence of a Holy God. If we want to have a personal relationship with God, we must put aside our sinful ways of living, and start to walk in God’s Light. To claim that we belong to Him, but then go out and live for ourselves, is hypocrisy. Christ will expose and judge such deceit in the end. The hardest thing I ever found to overcome was getting rid of sin. I struggled for years and years with sin. If it wasn’t for the grace, love and mercy of my God, I would be still waking in darkness and sin!

My God showed me that I did not have to continue to be a slave to sin, because Lord Jesus took away all my sins, and the sins of the world. In **Romans 6:6-7** it is written; **For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, and that we should be no longer a slave to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.** However, if we do happen to sin, and we all will from time to time, God's redemption is available to all, through Jesus Christ! It is also written in **1 John 2:1-2**; **But if anyone does sin, we have One who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only ours but also the sins of the world.** According to the Holy Bible, God assures us that if we walk in the Light of the Lord Jesus, we are promised an *eternal victory*. This victory, we will receive, at the end of the race set before us to run! In **1 John 5:4-5** God said; **Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.** The key to walking in God's Light, is we must have faith! Without true faith in Lord, we cannot walk in His Light. That does not mean when our faith is weak we cannot continue to walk in the Light. As long as we put our faith in the Lord Jesus, we are not accountable for our weaknesses. The Bible tells us that God works best through our weakness. You see, with weakness comes dependency on God. God loves and waits for us all, to come to Him when we are weak and uncertain. God is waiting patiently for all His people to knock on His door. Once we take that step and knock on God's Door, the Lord at that point, will give us the strength to handle anything that comes our way. The Holy Bible also tells us in **Isaiah 41:10**; **“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My Righteous Right Hand.”** There are several things that can keep us from *“Walking in the Light.”* Things like, pride, self righteousness, evil thoughts, lustful thoughts, idolatry, hatred, fornication, heresies, hypocrisy, lying, stealing, cheating, contention, revelries, and so on. You must be saying to yourself at this time, he is got to be kidding me. How could I ever refrain from all those sins, when only God Himself could be so pure and sinless! It is true that no man could ever refrain from all those sins. However, the good news is, we have an advocate and Savior in Jesus Christ, who died for all our sins! By making a serious commitment to serving God and following the Ways of His Holy Spirit, we can then and only then, walk daily in God's Light!

One more final thought before closing: As I talked about faith being the key to “Walking in the Light,” there is one more key we need. The final key is, obedience. What kind of obedience do we need? Absolute obedience to God’s Will for us. Although faith is the main starting point where it all starts to come together, obedience to God is the glue that keeps it all together. With obedience, comes respect for God. Without obedience to the Lord, we cannot truly walk in the Light. Without dedicated obedience to the word of God, God’s joy can never be complete in our heart, mind, or soul.

The Lord said in **John 15:10-11**; **Jesus said, if you obey My commands, you will remain in My Love, just as I have obeyed My Father’s commands and remained in His Love. I have told you this so that My Joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”**

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, walking in God’s Light, is not impossible to achieve. If a sinner like me can change, then there is a lot of hope for all mankind. Everyday I wake up, the battle of good and evil begins. It starts in the morning, and ends in the evening, When I look at my past life before I saw the Light, and compare it to today’s enlightenment, I feel very blessed and hopeful for tomorrow. May we all try and remember, that although we may think that we got it all together and we don’t need God in our life, is when we really need Jesus the most in our life!! Amen!

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## **JESUS CALLING**

*By Sarah Young*

TIME WITH ME, cannot be rushed. When you are in a hurry, your mind flitters back and forth between Me and the task ahead of you. Push back the demands pressing in on you; create a safe space around you, a haven in which you can rest with Me. I also desire this time of focused attention and use it to bless you, strengthening and equipping you for the day ahead. Thus, spending time with Me, is a wise investment.

**Psalm 119:27 2 Chronicles 16:9 Hebrews 13:15**

## PROVERBIAL WISDOM FOR AUGUST 2013

**Proverbs 10:6 :** Blessings crown the head of the righteous, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.

**Proverbs 10:16 :** The wages of the righteous bring them life, but the income of the wicked brings them punishment.

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*The Ministry's Daily Prayer List.*

*Please Join Hands With This Ministry and Pray For;* Janelle Owens, Bill Schupp, Sal Talamo, Jonathan Baker and Family, Dennis Wilkerson, Joe Lakes, Denise Lathrop and Family, Bernice Gibb, Terry Chando, Phil Hinman, John Carlson, Joe Magee, Sandy Tesi.

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May we all pray daily for the United States of America. A special prayer for all the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the fearful, the hopeless, the poor in spirit, the lame, the lost souls, the persecuted, the addicted, etc. Also a special prayer for all the pride, greed, corruption, hatred, violence, wars, lust, fornications, heresies, injustices, murders, idolatry, etc. If you want to be a part of the cure for America and not part of the problem, please pray daily for God's love, grace, mercy to shine upon the United States of America!

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Well it is my hope, that you have enjoyed this month's spiritually inspired message. If this month's inspired message has touched your heart, please help spread the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ to all your family and friends! If you believe and share God's Inspired Words, you will be blessed!

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