

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into A LIVING HOPE through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. -1 Peter 1:3 NIV

THE BIG IDEA: Jesus' resurrection renews life and gives our community a living hope.

FIVE PRACTICAL STEPS TO WALKING WITH JESUS :

1. WORSHIP THE LORD .

On a scale of 1-10, are you an affectionate person?

• I will praise You, Lord, WITH ALL MY HEART...Though I WALK in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life...with Your right hand You save me. - Psalm 138:1a, 7 NIV

2. PRAY CONSISTENTLY .

On a scale of 1-10, rate your prayer life.

• KEEP ON PRAYING and never give up. - Luke 18:1b CEV

Pray your way through the day... today.

"Revival delays because prayer decays." - L. Ravenhill

3. HUMBLE YOURSELF

When was the last time you felt completely humiliated?

• This is what The Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and **WALK IN IT,** and you will find **rest for your souls**. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'" - Jeremiah 6:16 NIV

4. BE CHILDLIKE

• "You will never get into God's Kingdom unless you enter it like a child!" - Jesus, Luke 18:17 CEV

To be childlike is the opposite of being independent and 'grown up'." - Nicky Gumbel

• I gave up childish ways. - 1 Corinthians 13:11 ESV

Real Talk: What in your life do you need to change?

• "Unless you repent [that is, change your inner self–your old way of thinking, live changed lives] and become like children [trusting, humble, and forgiving], you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven." - Jesus, Matthew 18:3 AMP

5. STAY CLOSE TO JESUS

Staying close to Jesus has saved me!

3 Reasons to Stay Close to Jesus:

- 1) <u>HIS PRESENCE</u> comforts troubled hearts. (Luke 24:13-24)
- 2) HIS WORD unleashes hope. (Luke 24:25-27)
- 3) HIS LOVE transforms. (Luke 24:28-35)