

WALKING WITH JESUS, EXPECTANTLY

Psalm 85:8-14

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As I “walked” through the verses 8-14 of Psalm 85, I heard how God restored his people, and spoke to them of peace and forgiveness for the faithful.

I also saw as I walked through the verses that God spoke of peace to his people, the faithful, who turned to him in their hearts. I also realized that if God was speaking it meant his people needed to listen.

I see today a church that is hurting. It speaks unkind words filled with anger and sits in judgement of others. The church is often impatient with people of differing opinions and lacks compassion. And the church as a body is frequently unwilling to forgive.

God spoke to his people. He communicated. What and how are we communicating God’s message of peace and forgiveness today? Communication is not just speaking words. It first involves listening. Our listening needs to be first to God. We need KNEE time! We need to pray before we speak and act with compassion toward others.

The longer I walked through this scripture, the more this question came to mind about our current world issues. How are we daily representing ourselves to God and to the world? Do we thirst for God and do we allow all who thirst for God a place at His table? Do those who thirst for God feel comfortable coming in our doors? Do they know their dreams and aspirations that God has placed on their hearts can be fulfilled in God’s church? Restoration and forgiveness start first in our own lives. I realize my heart is not at peace!

Prayer: Gracious and loving God my prayer is for you to open our hearts and make a path for your church that leads to forgiveness, where hearts are open. May we all thirst for you first, before ourselves. Amen.

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