

Will You Walk After God?

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The word “walk” is used in the sense of how we choose to live. How we choose to live our lives determines whether we are pleasing or displeasing to God. God has given us His Holy Word to teach us how to walk righteously before Him. I have the choice as to whether I want to live the way God requires, or whether to live to please myself in the ways of the world. My life choices will determine my eternal destination come judgment day (2 Corinthians 5.10; Revelation 20.11, 12). At judgment, we will either hear Jesus say, ***“Come, you blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,”*** or ***“Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25.34, 41)***.

There are many things in the world that I should not pursue in life. John describes them as ***“the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life” (I John 2.16)***. ***“Desires of the flesh”*** are cravings that arise from our physical nature—things that may make us feel good but are sinful and outside of God’s design of righteous living. Examples are sexual immorality, gluttony, substance abuse, laziness, uncontrolled anger, etc. These desires often promise satisfaction but leave us spiritually empty. ***“Desires of the eyes”*** are temptations that come through what we see—coveting, envy, or being captivated by appearances.



They include materialism—looking for expensive clothing, cars, or homes just because they look appealing. Pornography is included as well as jealousy and greed. These desires can distort our values and pull us away from God. ***“The pride of life”*** is the arrogance that comes from status, achievements, or self-sufficiency—living as if we don’t need God. This is often displayed as boasting in our accomplishments, seeking and craving praise or recognition from others, trusting in wealth, etc. This pride blinds us to our dependence on God and inflates our ego. Satan will use any or all of these to try to tempt us to sin.

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You'd form two teams, each standing in a line several yards apart, holding hands tightly. One team would call out, "Red Rover, Red Rover, let [name] come over!" Then the named player would take off running, trying to break through the linked arms of the opposing team. If they succeeded, they'd take a player back to their side; if not, they were "captured." The game went back and forth until one team had captured all the players.



That old game got me thinking—what if we played a *spiritual* game of Red Rover?

Picture two sides: one side representing the people Christ has redeemed, and the other representing those still held captive by sin and Satan. What if we called out to them: "Red Rover, Red Rover, let them come over!"—inviting them to run toward the love of Jesus and the open arms of His family here at Western Hills.

Our goal wouldn't be to "capture" them in defeat, but to *capture* them with grace—welcoming them to become teammates in the family of God, adding their strength, gifts, and hearts to ours.

When we played as kids, there was always someone on the other team we really wanted to have on our side. Who in your life fits that description? Who would you love to see standing beside you in the line of faith?

This week, I challenge you: reach out, connect, and "call them over." Introduce them to your church family and show them what life in God's family can look like.

Let's play—and let's be blessed in the process!

— Les Keele



My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

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Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.
 Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

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