



Step-By-Step

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Sadness, heartaches, pain, sickness, abuse and violence fill the earth. Do we even realize how bad it is? Do we succumb to the movement of deciding for ourselves what is right or wrong, instead of looking to our creator God for His thoughts on the way we should live? God's Word warns us: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter," Isaiah 5:20.

How many people have learned to accept the abuse, accept the pain, even come to expect it? And then, wonder why it follows them for a lifetime? How many people think there is no way out and lose hope for a better future? When will we finally say, "No more"? When will we stop expecting and accepting the worst for our lives?

God says, "My ways are higher than your ways." He says, "My thoughts are higher than your thoughts." However, He doesn't stop there. He invites us to know His thoughts and learn His ways. I heard Him say, "Move into the kingdom where my light shines bright, where my will is done and your needs are met."

Sometimes, we tend to complicate things. We can make things harder than they are. I heard the Lord say, "It's time to climb the stairs to my kingdom. Live in the present, but rise above the frustrations and the things that make you anxious. I am here. Are you living with my presence in mind?"

Let's learn to see what He sees, learn to think how He thinks, and learn to do what He does, remembering He is with us.

The Lord's Prayer that so many of us recite says: "...your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven," Matthew 6:10. This happens as one by one and step-by-step people begin to think and act as God does. Step-by-step, one foot in front of the other, leads us forward. Everything is motion with God. He expects us to move with Him. Step-by-step, His Holy Spirit will guide and direct us.

The Lord is saying, "Consider my ways. Consider my words. Do you hear? Do you listen? Do you understand? My way is simple: too simple for most—Love. There it is—the answer. The only answer. Do you walk in love? Does your heart move in the realm of love or are you stuck in this land of compromise?"

When the world decides to follow God's ways, problems will fade away. Violence will end. Abuse will disappear. Favor, mercy, grace, goodness, righteousness and blessings know no bounds in His kingdom. Let's all pray: "Your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven." Then step-by-step, let's walk it out with the Holy Spirit's help, until God's glory fills the whole earth.