

# THE WAY GOD WALKS WITH US

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## *The Ways of God: Difficult People Activation*

*"The people that we find most challenging are a wonderful catalyst in your transformation into the image of Christ... if you can recognize His ways!" - Graham Cooke*

### WALKING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

+ ***Start with rejoicing.***

"Lord, I have this person in my life and You know everything there is to know about the way to walk with them... and You live in me. I'm grateful for that!"



Think about creating a page in your notebook or journal for this special person. It can be a place for you to steady yourself in the Lord until transformation manifests.

+ ***Consider yourself first.***

- What negatives does this person bring out in you?
- What is the antidote that God wants you to experience in Him instead?
- Who does the Father want to be for you?

- What is Jesus delighted to share with you about Himself?
- In what ways is the Holy Spirit expecting to help you?
- What is the good outcome in YOUR development that They are anticipating?
- How is God affirming your identity as Accepted in the Beloved during this process?
- How is He showing you His care and understanding?

+ ***Now focus on your "Grace Grower"***

- If Jesus was looking out of your eyes at them, what would He see? Make a list and allow room for it to grow.
- Are there any negative expectations that you need to let go of and new expectations from the Lord for you to receive?
- Are there any actions that you are taking that you need to lay aside? (Complaining, gossip, frustration, etc.)

Make it an offering to the Lord.

*"I give you this negative response of mine and I ask you for Your perspective, emotions and ways of thinking and speaking. Thank you for this opportunity to encounter Your higher ways and become more like You."*

If this is challenging, consider creating some positive, predetermined responses and joyfully depend on the Holy Spirit to help you.

- What qualities or actions taken by this person can you be authentically thankful for? Write those down too.
- What can you and the Holy Spirit plan together that would be a support or blessing to them?
- How can you demonstrate the kind of care and understanding that you are receiving from the Lord in your language and actions?

Every person's response is their responsibility. Your choices may or may not change the situation or the person in that situation. But you can always become more of who God has created you to be. Nothing and no one can prevent that.

Let us know what you discover!

- *Graham and Allison*