

# THE GOD WHO WALKS WITH US



*Where are you?*

*What is around you?*

*What do you value there?*

*Who is important to you?*

*Too often we create barriers between the heavenly and earthly realms that we inhabit as God's people. Our places are important to us as we seek to live sacrificial lives of worship.*

*Jesus travelled about to named towns and villages. He walked slowly and noticed things and people. He used the everyday to illustrate heavenly realities like the woman at the well (John 4). Jesus stood, surveyed and lamented over Jerusalem before entering the city (Matthew 23:37-39).*

*Toni Sorenson (Christian author) says:*

*"Walking a mile in someone else's shoes isn't as much about the walk or the shoes; it's to be able to think like they think, feel what they feel, and understand why they are who and where they are. Every step is about empathy".*

*God loves to walk and talk with us as he did with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Do you do this in your locality?*

*What is your vision for your place and people?*

*Is this reflected in your prayer, witness and action for your place and people?*



## *Here Are Some Different Ways of Prayer Walking*

*Walking round a building* – it may be a home, workplace or church. This can give you a fresh start. If you have ever felt negative feelings or been through a trial in your life a walk through every area of a significant building praying for protection, blessings and thanking God can focus you on positive things and make God your priority.

*Walking in your community* – Often done with a group but can be on your own. The core of prayer walking is conversing with God; ask Him to show you what He sees; to know His heart for your community.

*Walking on a pilgrimage* – a special prayer walk on a designated route to a special place taking time out from your usual daily activities in order to fulfil a vow, as an atonement for sins, as a gesture of thanks for positive events, or as a means of intercession.

*“As we walk, we are praying that the presence of God is known in the places where we are walking and praying. Being physically present amplifies a sense of connection to both God and the places and people we are praying for and can take our prayers to a whole new level.”*

*Sammy Jordan (Director of Hope for Every Home, Hope together)*

"Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant,  
that it may continue forever in your sight; for you,  
O Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing  
the house of your servant will be blessed forever."

- 2 Samuel 7:29 -



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### PRAYER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*In this moment of stillness, though distracted by many things, I choose to make myself present, present to you and present to the world around me.*

*"Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." Genesis 28*

*Standing as your person, your body, the sacred space where heaven and earth unite, I repent: "Surely you are in this place as I have not known it". I believe you are present and working among these people in this place.*

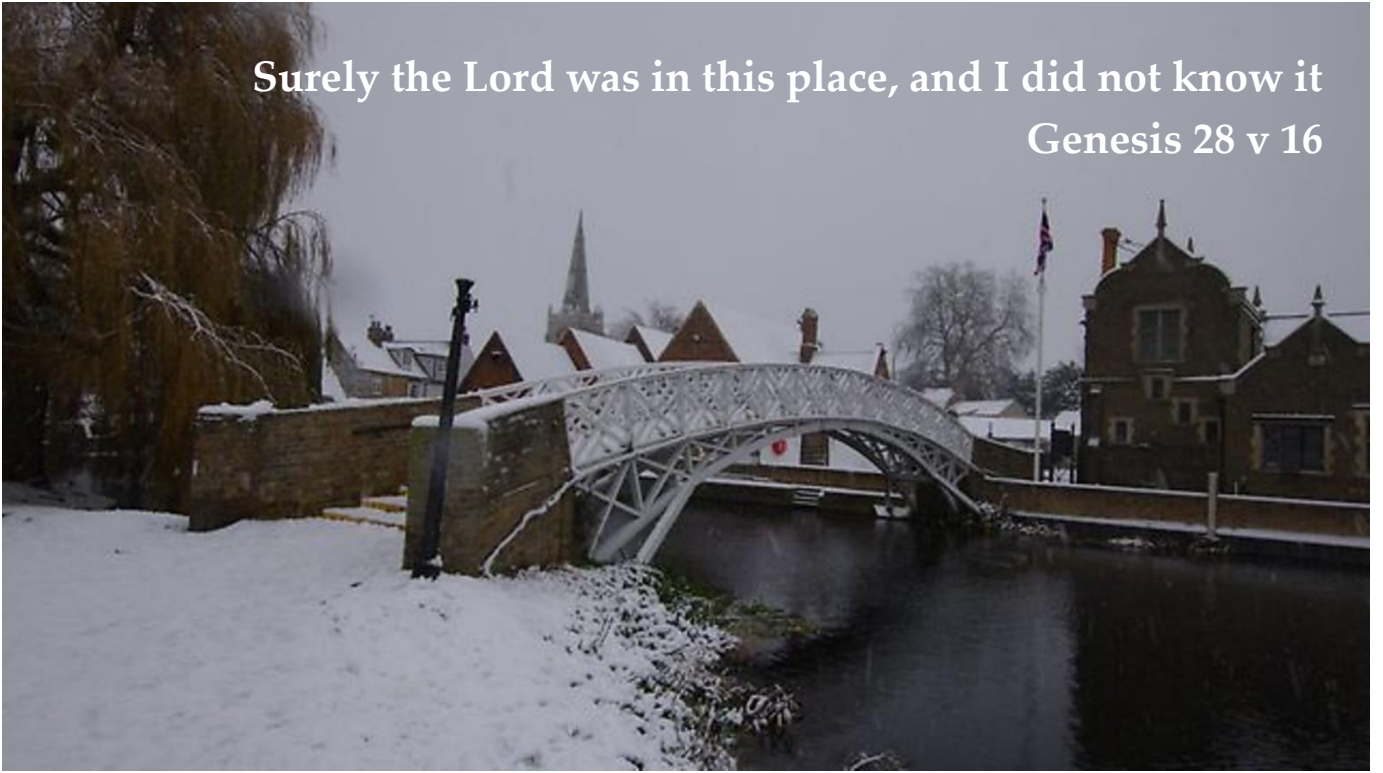
*Give me eyes to see what you see, to seek first your kingdom. Give me ears to hear your voice that roars like thunder yet whispers still and small. Give me a heart that breaks as yours did, that hates what is evil and clings to what is good. Give me the mind of Christ, that I may understand the heart of God for this place and these people. Give me feet ready to go to where you are working.*

*Amen*

*Prayer found in The Evangelical Alliance resource 'Walk and Pray'*

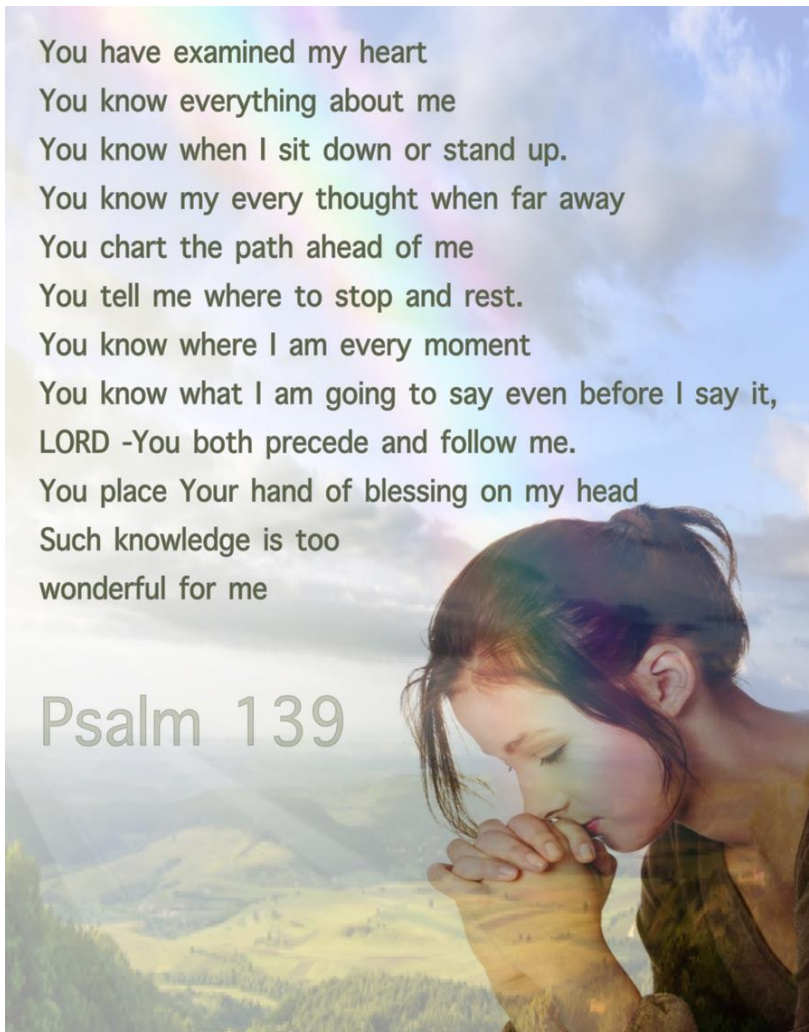


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Genesis 28 v 16



You have examined my heart  
You know everything about me  
You know when I sit down or stand up.  
You know my every thought when far away  
You chart the path ahead of me  
You tell me where to stop and rest.  
You know where I am every moment  
You know what I am going to say even before I say it,  
LORD -You both precede and follow me.  
You place Your hand of blessing on my head  
Such knowledge is too  
wonderful for me

Psalm 139



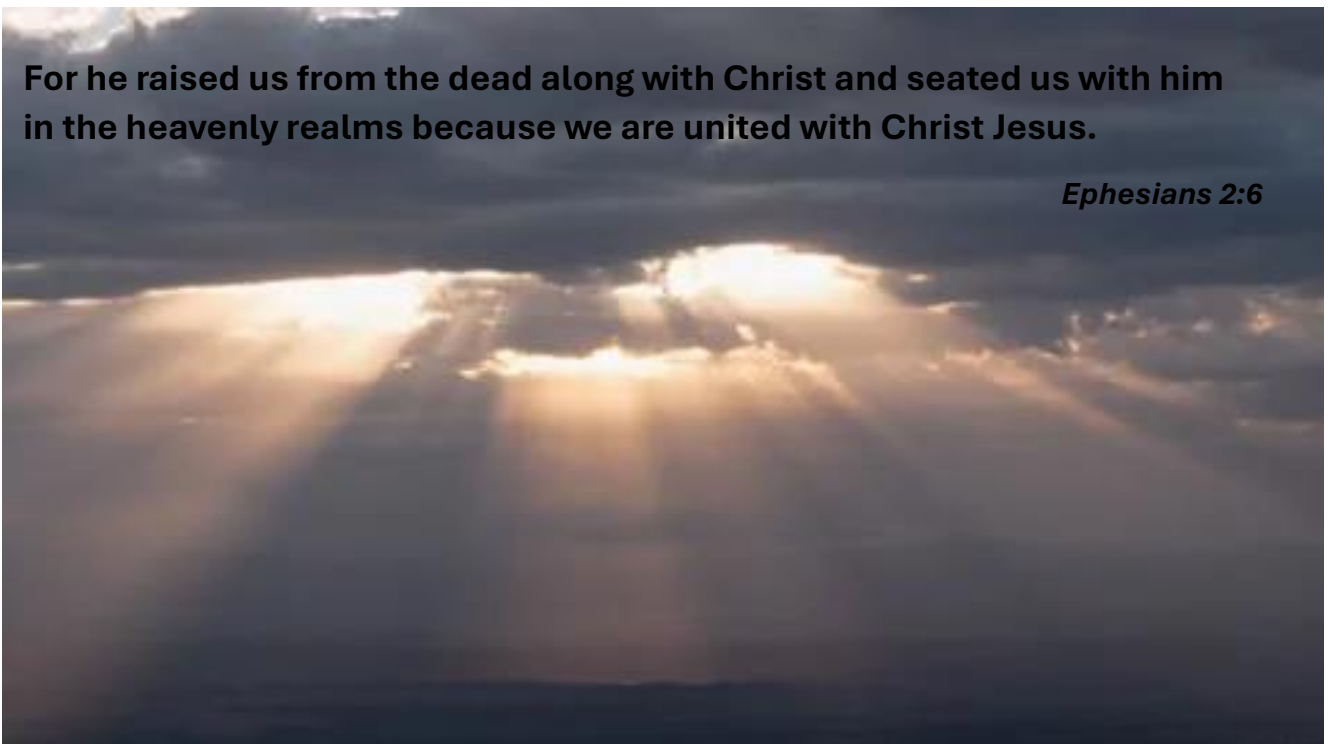
**But our citizenship is in heaven.  
And we eagerly await a Saviour  
from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,**

*Philippians 3:20*



**For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him  
in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.**

*Ephesians 2:6*



And seek the peace of the  
city where I have caused  
you to be carried away  
captive, and pray to the  
Lord for it; for in its peace  
you will have peace.

Jeremiah 29:7









