

# Old Man – New Man “Program 9”

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## Walking with God

There’s great significance in walking with someone. There was a day when a young man would meet a young lady and court her by walking around the park talking all the way. Intimacy, trust and memories are established this way for a lifetime. Today a few of our young kids meet at the mall, but overall the practice has been lost. Perhaps, in so many ways we are also losing the practice of walking with God. But it doesn’t have to be like that. Let’s explore the possibilities.

## Declare

1. If you could take a walk with someone of great importance, like a CEO of a big corporation, a political leader, or someone you admire, who would it be? Share what would you ask that person?
  - a. Who? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Why? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What would you ask? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you had the experience of having a meaningful conversation while you were on a hike or a walk at the park? For men it may be easier share while playing a sport or table game, at the work place, or working under the hood of a car. Share why that conversation was meaningful.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_

## Dig

3. Read the following passages and share how these men related to God:
  - a. Daniel 6:10. Consider the circumstances presented in this chapter concerning Daniel’s prayers. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. 2 Samuel 5:19, 23, 25 \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c. Acts 8:26,27; 39-40 \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. One of the challenges that men face is that we tend to compartmentalize our lives. In the many roles that we play in life we create many compartments as [i.e. father, worker, etc.]. List the different compartments in your life. Some may have more but this is not a competition.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Here is the important question: Are the compartments in your life separate reflections of your life? Are you one person at work, another one at home, and another one at church? Or are you the same everywhere you go?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Sometimes a line of work may force you to act differently at different locations, but does your character remain the same? Why or why not?

- i. \_\_\_\_\_
6. In the interview Jim Hohnberger explained why he doesn't like the expression "What Would Jesus Do?" He explained that he likes it better expressed this way: "What will God have me to do?" Comment on how you feel about both expressions and which one challenges you the most.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Jim talked about a life of trust and dependence in God. Jim has taken the risk in this area and encourages other men to do it. Read Matthew 6:25-34 and discuss what is God's role and your role in the challenge of total dependence on the Lord.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How do you know when God impresses you to do something for someone else?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Jim clearly explained that a key thing to do is to "simplify your life." In what ways is your life complicated? What steps could you start taking in order to bring more simplicity to your life? What will this do to your life and your family?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

### *Devote*

10. Jim explained that at one point he cried out: "Lord I will filter everything through you." He added "This led me to a scary point of wondering what God would say." Why would it be scary to say that to God?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
11. When Joshua was about to take the hardest task of his life. God encouraged him by saying "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go." [Joshua 1:9 NKJV]. The decision to simplify our life and to walk with God will transform you and your family. When will you start this journey?
- a. \_\_\_\_\_

Lift each group member in prayer. When men decide to surrender to God's love and start a closer walk with Him the enemy of souls gets upset. Pray for your decision to have a positive impact in those around you.