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WALKING IN THE LIGHT ... TOGETHER

Tramp for the Lord by Corrie ten Boom, with Jamie Buckingham

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2. I John 1:7 is one of God's most profound promises. "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, purifies us from all sin."
3. Do you walk in the light? Do you walk in the light ... TOGETHER?
4. Corrie Ten Boom was a passionate leader. As a young woman, she organized a very successful network of Bible Clubs and invested all of her resources into discipling others. World War II brought devastation when Corrie, then age 51, along with her family, was arrested for harboring Jews. By God's grace, Corrie survived the horrendous Ravenbruck Concentration Camp and spent the rest of her life traveling the world telling of God's miraculous power to hear and answer prayer.
5. It was a beautiful afternoon when Connie, Corrie's young assistant and traveling companion, joined her on a park bench. Corrie was worshipful as she basked in the cool breeze and beauty of the garden. Yet, Connie was seemingly discouraged, somber, withdrawn. Corrie assumed it was because her ministry was not going as well as she expected and was just about to bring up the subject when they were interrupted by a friend.
6. William, a dear African saint, made his way up and over the hill to greet them. Corrie had never met an African with whom she could laugh so much and yet learn so much at the same time. After they exchanged greetings, William asked an unusual question. He said, "When I saw you sitting here together a question came to my mind, 'Do they walk in the light together?'" "Oh yes," they both exclaimed without hesitation. "We do walk in the light together. We are a team!"
7. Just then a telephone call came and Corrie excused herself while Connie and William continued to talk. Connie took this opportunity to confide in her friend. Although she had great respect for Corrie, she honored Corrie's suffering, sacrifice and successes for Christ, and she valued Corrie as a mentor and friend ... there was a problem.
8. Connie noticed things in Corrie's life that she felt did not glorify God. She poured out her heart to William, confessing, "No we are not walking in the light ... together."
9. William's face broke into a wide grin and his eyes began to sparkle. "So that's why God had me ask that strange question." William went on to give Connie advice. "The Lord wants you to be honest with Corrie. Since she is walking in the light – when you also walk in the light – you will help shed light for her path as well as yours."
10. That night Connie took William's advice and confronted Corrie. One by one she began listing the things in Corrie's life that bothered her – the things that she believed did not glorify God. It wasn't

easy for Corrie, but through God's grace, Corrie apologized and then thanked her for bringing those things into the light. They prayed that they would always walk in the light together.

Although the air was clear for awhile, in her haste and with that leader's conquering spirit, Corrie, once again over stepped her boundaries. They were preparing for a flight and their suitcases were too heavy. Corrie immediately unpacked her luggage and formed three piles, one to send to Holland by sea, one to give away to the poor and one to carry on to their next destination. When she finished repacking her suitcase she hurried next door into Connie's room and proceeded to sort her belongings. She formed three piles, one to send to Holland, one to give to the poor, and one for Connie to carry on to their next destination.

One week later, Connie began to talk. Her voice was strained as she said, "Corrie, I promised God I would walk in the light, and that means I must get something settled with you. When you unpacked my suitcase and decided what I was to send to Holland, what I was to give to the poor, and what I would need for our next destination, I was not happy about it at all."

Corrie immediately recognized her intrusive behavior, apologized and asked for Connie's forgiveness. Once again they began walking in the light together. A short time passed when Connie noticed that Corrie was unusually quiet. Corrie finally broke the silence. "Now it is my turn to walk in the light, Connie. Why did you not tell me immediately that you were disturbed about your luggage? We could have settled it on the spot and you would not have had to carry this darkness for all these days. From now on let us both speak the truth in love and never let the sun go down on our misunderstandings. We will, with God's help, walk in the light ... together."

11. We must admit we too are leaders. Those strong leadership character traits that propel us into action can also be a deterrent when we are trying to disciple others. Theologian John Jowett wrote, "The Light of the world is JESUS! Everything else is just candlelight!"

12. Dr. Jowett went on to say, "The light will always reach the willing mind. If we offer the lamp, the Lord will give the flame."

13. We also know the light of the world is God's Word. Psalm 119:130 "The unfolding of Your Word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."

14. And a well loved verse, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

15. It takes humility to receive rebuke from others and from God. Andrew Murray wrote, "Humility is the bloom and beauty of holiness!"

16. It is easy to think that we humble ourselves before God, but our humility toward others is the only sufficient proof that our humility before God is real." Andrew Murray

17. Are you walking in the light ... TOGETHER? Are you being accountable, humble, holy ... Is your conquering spirit under God's conquering Holy Spirit? Fellowship with one another comes as we walk in His cleansing presence.

18. Let's read this powerful reminder together, "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus, God's Son purifies us from all sin." I John 1:7