

## Circumspectly? What's That?

By: Dan Jenkins

I am not sure what the British people thought when they read the King James Version in the early seventeenth century. In places it probably made more sense to them than it does to us who read the English Bible published in 1611. Look at one verse and then let's look at it together. It says, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise" ([Eph. 5:15, KJV](#)). I realize this is a command from God that has to do with my Christian walk and I also know that it means I should not walk as a fool. But what does "circumspectly" mean? To use the King James English, "I wot not" what this means (see [Phil. 1:21](#)). The ERV translates this, "I do not know." Or to use King James English again, we need someone to "...do you to wit" ([2 Cor. 8:1](#)) more about this. The NKJV translates this, "We make known to you." That's good so far, but how do I walk circumspectly? If you look carefully at this word, you can see the first part is like the word "circumference," and the last part is like the word "inspect." When King James said one should walk circumspectly he was saying, "Walk, looking about."

Now that I know the word "circumspectly" means "to walk looking about," how does this apply to my life? Since God says I must walk carefully, where should I be looking as I walk in His ways?

**We must walk looking upward.** All that we see around us is temporal, but above us is

all that is eternal. We lay up treasures in heaven. We pray to our God in heaven. Hebrews chapter twelve says that as we run the Christian race we should "...look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith... [who] has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" ([Heb. 12:2](#)). We are told to, "Set your minds on things above and not on things on the earth" ([Col. 3:2](#)). As you walk, make sure you look upward.

**We must walk looking around us.** Think of how often Jesus told His disciples to watch and pray. We must see the avenue of temptation that attracts us and avoid the snares of Satan. Look around to see dangerous situations you must avoid. Also as we walk, we must see opportunities to do good and do what God says and do good as we have any opportunity ([Gal. 6:10](#)). This is how we let our lights shine before men and they glorify God because of what they see in us. One area which we could all improve is to see souls around us. Don't just see people. See souls as you walk.

**Finally, as we walk let us look inwards.** We obey the first and greatest commandment in our heart. It is our soul that loves God and that loves others. Today begin with a decision to make God the most important of why we live. There is nothing more important. So let us all walk circumspectly.

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# “He’s Never Let Me Down!”

By: Selected

His longtime friend was succumbing to a terminal illness and only had a short time to live. The Christian gentleman sat by his bedside and tried again to do the same thing he had oft tried before—to talk to his buddy about Jesus. He wanted nothing more than for his friend to leave this life prepared to meet his Savior. But the conversation, as before, didn’t go very far.

The Christian man broached the subject again, “I want to talk to you about Jesus.” His friend replied, “Why? Does He ever do anything for you?” In quick fashion, the Christian gentleman (who had faced many challenges of his own) replied, “He’s never let me down!” Think about that! Could you say that yourself? “He’s never let me down!”

Jesus came to this world to live the human life, to face the wiles of the devil and to be “in all points tempted as we are” (Heb. 4:15). *He’s never let me down!*

Jesus, while tempted intensely by the devil (Matt. 4:1-11), stood firm and never yielded to fleshly desires, not even once (1 Pet. 2:22), so that He could be a perfect, sinless sacrifice for me (2 Cor. 5:21). *He’s never let me down!*

Jesus suffered immensely and died a horrific death, bearing my sins (1 Pet. 2:24) and the separation that was due to me (Matt. 27:46). *He’s never let me down!*

Jesus did not stay in the grave (Acts 2:27-31), but “up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph” (cf. Col. 2:15), conquering death (Heb. 2:14-15) and guaranteeing my own resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20-57). *He’s never let me down!*

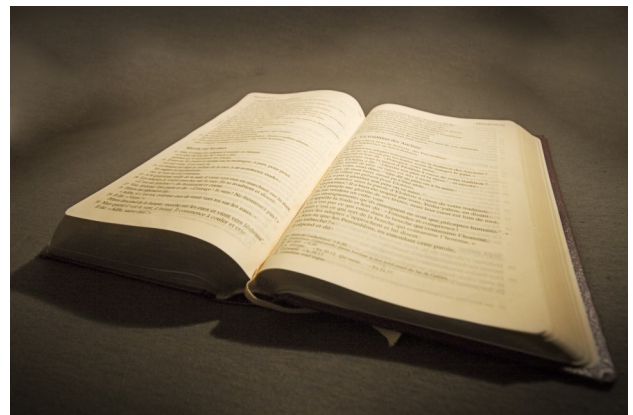
Jesus ascended to heaven, “now to appear in the presence of God for” me, “since He always lives to make intercession for” me (Heb.

9:24; 7:25). That’s amazing! *He’s never let me down!*

Jesus came to this earth “to be made like” me in “all things,” so that when I am “being tempted, He is able to aid” me (Heb. 2:17-18). *He’s never let me down!*

Jesus promised me, “I am with you always” (Matt. 28:20), and that He “will never leave [me] nor forsake [me]” (Heb. 13:5). When others choose to not stand with me, I know that Jesus will always stand with me when I stand with Him (2 Tim. 4:17). *He’s never let me down!*

Why should I, like this older Christian man, want my friends to hear about Jesus? Because...*He’s never let me down!* Why should I, like this older Christian, not be ashamed when others question my devotion to Jesus? Because...*He’s never let me down!* Challenges will come in life, but I can remain steady when I remember...*He’s never let me down!*



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## Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 5: Monthly Potluck luncheon after morning worship. Please bring a covered dish/ dessert to share. There will be a 12:45pm service to follow.

Sunday, April 12: Monthly youth devo hosted at the White home. Boys bring drinks and girls bring desserts.

May 2-3: Midtown's Challenging the Church with speaker Brant Stubblefield.

Area events:

\*Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.\*

## Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Kanin Jacobs who dislocated his elbow recently.

Nancy Dorris nephew, Adam Stansbury, who has cellulitis.

Veronica Serenil who is recovering from surgery.

Janis Fossati, Willie Fossati's mother and Nancy Fortenberry's sister, who will be having medical tests done.

### Graduate Candidates

We are getting ready to honor our graduates. Please let Nina Siegel know if you have a graduating student for the 2025-2026 school year.

## Service Roster

Week of March 29, 2026

### Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Ron White  
Song Leader..... Randy D'Herde

Opening Prayer..... Bryant Siegel  
Closing Prayer..... Caleb Lehtinen

### Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread..... James Cammock  
Cup..... Clifton Rutherford  
Offering..... Benny Horton  
Assist..... Dan Fielder  
Assist..... Willie Fossati  
Assist..... Bryce Dolan

### Sunday Evening

Song Leader..... Jack Jobes

Opening Prayer..... Bryant Siegel  
Closing Prayer..... Lupe Escojido

Lord's Supper & Offering..... James Cammock/  
Clifton Rutherford

### Wednesday Evening

Adult Class..... Cody McCoy  
Song Leader..... Randy D'Herde  
Devotional..... Cody McCoy

### Other

Prepare Communion for April..... F. Rosales

## Congregational News This Week

### Birthdays

Sandy Daltry..... Mar. 29  
Blake Jacobs..... Mar. 31  
Jeff Cannady..... April 3

### Anniversaries

Brenden & Lori Westphall..... Mar. 28

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email [office.midtownchurch@gmail.com](mailto:office.midtownchurch@gmail.com)

## Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons  
Ron White

## Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism  
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence  
Doug Jobes—Safety, Men’s Encouragement &  
Winter Youth Retreat  
Kevin Sheeran—Worship Organization and  
Communication  
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

## Our Minister

Cody McCoy

## Weekly Reading

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said,  
out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.  
John 7:38

## Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

## Attendance Records

Week of March 22, 2026

A.M. Bible Class.....83  
A.M. Worship.....125  
P.M. Worship.....62  
Wednesday Worship.....57

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## Supported Works

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