

## A Closer Walk: Faith Over Fear

Joshua 1:9

*“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.” (NKJV)*



As we listen to the network news these days we are bombarded with chilling headlines. We hear of more deaths and infections due to the Coronavirus.

When we hear of violent protest, murders, and mayhem it not only turns our stomachs but tends to make us fearful of even stepping a foot outdoors.

When we are forced to wear masks & be physical distanced from friends & family we begin to become more depressed and fearful, forgetting who we are in Christ.

Not to mention all His promises and advice He has given us in His Word. Do you realize that there are at least 33 statements from God in the Bible that remind us not to be afraid? The above quote by Joshua is just one of them.

As the Lord reminded his son in Joshua 1:9 to be strong and not fear because the Lord our God is with us wherever we go. We too should be reminded that our heavenly Father is with us at all times as well.

There is a great old hymn entitled “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” that reminds us of our heavenly Fathers protective presence with Him as we draw nearer to Him.

So, the next time your feeling down or depressed sing or pray this song, I’m sure it will lift you up.

*I am weak but You are strong;  
Jesus keep me from all wrong;  
I’ll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.*

*Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Be Blessed & encouraged my friends, of whom you are in Christ & our heavenly Father.

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