

Walking in the Word

Title: The Path of Dust & Delight

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Scripture: Psalm 119:25–32

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Main Idea

God does not leave His people in the dust. Through His Word, He revives weary souls, teaches wandering hearts, strengthens fading saints, and enlarges them to run again in His ways.

Sermon in Brief

Psalm 119:25–32 begins with a weary believer crying, “My soul clings to the dust.” The psalmist is honest about his sorrow, weakness, and need, but he does not turn inward or away from God. Instead, he brings his condition to the Lord and asks God to give him life, teach him, give him understanding, and strengthen him according to His Word. As God works through His Word, the psalmist moves from despair to determination, choosing faithfulness and clinging to God’s testimonies. The stanza ends with hope: the same soul that was lying in the dust is now ready to run in the way of God’s commandments because God has enlarged his heart.

Key Quotes

“Affliction should never be a wall between us and God, but a doorway through which we run to God.”

“Every day we preach ourselves two sermons: one by the world and one by the Word.”

“If you find your soul clinging to the dust, you need to cling to the Word more than ever.”

“Jesus not only walked the path of dust into death; He ran out of the tomb with resurrection life.”

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Questions This Sermon Helps Answer

How do I pray when I feel discouraged?

What should I do when my soul feels stuck?

How can God's Word help me in sorrow?

How do I keep going when I feel spiritually weak?

What lies am I tempted to believe when I am discouraged?

How can I choose faithfulness in a hard season?

What does it mean to cling to God's Word?

How can God help me run again?

Reflect & Respond

What truth from God's Word do you need to preach to yourself instead?

Where do you need to choose faithfulness instead of drifting?

What are you clinging to right now: fear, bitterness, control, despair, or the Word?

Where do you need God to enlarge your heart so you can run again?

This Week

Name what you are rehearsing.

Write down one wound, fear, criticism, or anxious thought you keep replaying. Then write one promise or truth from God's Word to rehearse in its place.

Practice quiet faithfulness instead of self-defense.

Where you feel misunderstood, ask God for wisdom to know whether to respond or simply entrust yourself to Him.

Share one encouragement with someone under pressure.

Send a verse, a quote, or a short note to someone who may need to be reminded that God's Word steadies pressured hearts.

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