PERSONNEL MAINTENANCE MANUAL Study #6 WALK THE TALK

Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings to greet the dawn while it is still dark.

WARM UP

It is not what men eat but what they digest that makes them strong; Not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich; Not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned: Not what we preach or pray but what we practice and believe that makes us Christian. Francis Bacon

BACKGROUND

The issue is how do we surrender to the Holy Spirit in our circumstances as they exist. This does not seem rational "I worked hard under very difficult circumstances last vear and I deserve to have my moneys worth and I shall not settle for less." What we often want to do is to change our circumstances. God doesn't want to change our circumstances; He wants to change us.

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. We are often told that what we need to do is to walk by faith. How can we help each other do this?

2. St Paul says in Romans 1:17, "The righteous will live by faith. What does it mean to be righteous?

3. Christian men can some times be accused of having Christ as a crutch in life. Is this a bad thing?

4. DL Moody said that the reward for service is more service. How can you serve best?

WRAP-UP

Some things have to be believed to be seen. Share with one another a miracle that may have happened in your life.

IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

Pray this prayer each day during the rest of the week.

"Lord, I confess that I burn up my energies trying to establish order in my life. I have tried to live by sight. Help me to make more allowance for spiritual mystery. Help me to live by faith. I have wanted to change my circumstances. Show me how You want to change my character. Amen."

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CONSIDER THIS

Almost one in three people in the world profess some kind of Christian faith.