



365 days of devotion to Christ

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...I am with you always, even  
unto the end of the world...

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Day 23 of 365



## Week 4 – walk an inch He'll take you a mile

Seeing the Lord at work in the lives of those He touches is truly one of the most breathtaking and amazing things ever seen. Christ makes all things new and with each regeneration the creature standing after the entering in of the Holy Spirit is so different that glory is given to God as those around them realize "something is different". It is by the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit that men are able to break the bonds of addiction, to turn their back on the lives of sin, and become Holy through the working of the Holy Spirit, the promised comforter. This should not be a surprise... the Lord Himself has made the promise and time and time again demonstrated His power through the changes in the lives of those who surrender all.

### Day 23 – two miles

**And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. (Matthew Chapter 5 verse 41 KJV)**

In the time of Roman occupation during the earthly life of Jesus Christ it was legal and practiced for Roman soldiers to require the Jewish inhabitants of Israel to carry their armor, in the command to "go with him twain" we see a beautiful command of Christ and one that could be hard to accept. Basically Jesus is saying "it is required by Roman law for you to go one mile carrying the armor of the Roman soldiers but after your one mile is up, go another carrying the burden" why? Why would Jesus tell us to carry our burdens willingly farther than we have to? So that people will look at us and say "something is different about this person" and they will ask "what is different about you"? With a smile we can give glory to our Father as we confess Jesus to them! Christians should be the person bearing the burdens with the strength of the God of creation and let us never cease to give Him glory for the things He has done! Walk two miles with a smile, with a song, and don't forget to share the reason for your joy!

After the Lord saved me I remember my wife asking me "what is wrong with you!" I was walking around the house singing, whistling, happy and free! Time and time again when I would tell her about the reason for my joy, the reason I sang, the reason I was acting like a person who had feel in love she would ask "how long will this last?" O' halleluiah forever! Sometimes people will doubt the change that Christ has made in your life, at first, as the

days turn in to months and the months in to years there will be no doubt what Jesus has done in your life and never cease to give glory to the source of the new life: Jesus!

**Today's prayer:**

Today pray the Lord would give you the strength to walk faithfully, as far as He has required, and as long as He commands. Pray the Lord would reveal to you the places in your life you need to give more commitment and the places you need to give up in order to faithfully fulfill the life He has called you to live. Pray the Lord would be patient and moving in your life daily as you draw close to Him.