



“WHERE” TO WALK BY FAITH

The background of today’s lesson text is important to **“Where to Walking by Faith.”** Jesus was traveling from ministry with Nicodemus in Jerusalem (Jn.3:1-21) through John the Baptist ministry in **Judea** (Jn.3:22-36) through ministry with woman and city of Sychar in **Samaria** (Jn.4:1-42) to ministry in **Cana of Galilee** (Jn.4:43-54).

“Where to” formula: “You shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

We will examine our lesson text by the following six homiletical points.

- Feast of Passover (Jn.4:43-45)
- First miracle city (Jn.4:46)
- Fate of child (Jn.4:47-48)
- Faith of parent (Jn.4:49-50)
- Fever healing (Jn.4:51-53)
- Father’s plan (Jn.4:54)

This lesson will study SIX aspects of the importance of the “Where to” of Walking by Faith.

1. The “where to” of walking by Faith is important because of the directive will of God.

There are three important classifications of the Will of God.

- The **Directive Will** of God

- The **Permissive Will** of God

- The **Over-ruling Will** of God

2. The Directive Will of God has three important categories.

- The **Geographical Will** of God

- The **Mental Will** of God

- The **Operation Will** of God

3. **Cana is the where the royal officer met and implored Jesus to heal his son who was “at the point of death” (Jn.4:46-47).**

We learn from this encounter that there are three things money and connections can't buy.

- Health
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- Happiness
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- Heaven
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4. **Jesus challenged him with the principle of faith rather than sight (2 Cor.5:7).**

Jesus challenged faith **where** it matters - volition (Jn.4:48).

The parent requested, “Sir (kurios), come down (katabaino / **a.a.impv.2ps**) before my child dies (apothnesko / a.a.infin).” (Jn.4:49)

Jesus responded, “Go (poreuomai / **p.m.impv.2ps**), your son (ho huioi) lives (zao / **p.a.ind**).” (Jn.4:50a)

The Parent responded, “he believed (**pisteuo** / **a.a.ind**) the word (Jn.5:50a) that Jesus spoke (lego / a.a.ind) to Him and started off (poreuomai / impf.m.ind) [**where**] from Cana to Capernaum (20 miles).” (Jn.4:50b)

5. **Note the importance of the “where” when the father meets his servants, “saying that his son was living” (zao / **p.a.ind**).” (Jn.4:51)**

(Jn.4:52) “So he inquired of them **the hour** he began to get better. Then they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” [Gentile time - 7pm] [Jewish time - 1pm]

(Jn.4:53) “So the father **knew** (**ginosko** / **a.a.ind**) that it was at that **hour** in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives”; and he himself believed (pisteuo / a.a.ind) and his household.”

6. **Note the final “where” of the second miracle performed in Cana and how it was described. in.**

(Jn.4:54) “This is a second sign that Jesus performed (poieo/ a.a.ind) when He had come (erchomai / a.a.ind) out (**ouk+ abl. of separation**) of Judea into (**eis+ acc.**) Galilee.”

Remember the important of the “**Where to**” formula in our introduction to this lesson.

(Acts 1:8) “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Question: “Have we learned how important the “**Where to**” is of walking by Faith?” Have we have learned how important the Geographical Will of God is to the Directive Will of God in the Christian’s “Walk”?

