

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WALK IN COVENANT?

## Covenant Is More Than Belief - It Is a Way of Life

When I speak about walking in covenant, I am talking about something deeper than simply saying, "*I believe in God.*" Belief matters, but covenant calls me beyond words. It calls me into relationship, commitment, obedience, faithfulness, and a life that reflects the One I say I belong to.

I believe Yahweh desires more than occasional attention from us. He desires a people who know Him, seek Him, trust Him, and are willing to order their lives according to His truth. Covenant reminds me that my relationship with Yahweh is not supposed to exist only on Sunday, during prayer, or when I need something. It should shape how I live every day.

## Covenant Begins With Relationship

Throughout Scripture, covenant is connected with relationship. Yahweh made covenants with Noah, Abraham, Israel, and David, and the New Testament speaks of the new covenant through Yeshua. These covenants are not all identical, but they reveal something important about Yahweh: He is a God who establishes relationship, gives promises, calls people to faithfulness, and remains true to His Word.

For me, walking in covenant begins with knowing that Yahweh is not simply an idea I believe in. He is my Father. I want to know His character, understand His Word, recognize His direction, and develop a relationship with Him that is real.

## Covenant Requires Commitment

We live in a time when commitment can become conditional. People stay committed while something feels good, benefits them, or agrees with them. Covenant teaches me something different. Covenant says that my devotion cannot be based only on convenience.

There will be seasons when obedience is uncomfortable. There will be times when Scripture challenges what I want, what culture celebrates, or even what I have always believed. Walking in covenant means I am willing to let Yahweh correct me. I do not want to reshape His Word to fit my life; I want my life to be continually shaped by His truth.

## Obedience Is Part of Faith

One lesson I continue to learn is that faith and obedience belong together. Obedience does not mean I will never make mistakes. It means my heart is turned toward Yahweh and I am willing to respond when He reveals something that needs to change.

Yeshua said, "*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*" - John 14:15 (KJV). That challenges me because it reminds me that love for Yahweh is not merely emotional. Love becomes visible in the choices I make.

How I treat people matters. How I handle my family matters. How I conduct business matters. What I do when nobody is watching matters. What I forgive, what I refuse, what I pursue, and what I allow into my life all become part of my walk.

## **Faithfulness Is Built in Everyday Decisions**

Sometimes we imagine faithfulness as one enormous act of faith, but much of covenant living happens through ordinary decisions. It is choosing prayer when I am distracted. It is opening Scripture when I would rather scroll. It is telling the truth when dishonesty would be easier. It is forgiving when I have been hurt. It is keeping my word. It is learning to wait instead of forcing something Yahweh has not released.

These small decisions build spiritual roots. And when difficult seasons come, I do not suddenly have to manufacture faith. I have already been developing it.

## **Study the Word for Yourself**

Walking in covenant also requires me to know what I believe and why I believe it. I cannot build my entire relationship with Yahweh on what another person told me Scripture says.

Teachers, pastors, elders, and ministry leaders can help us, but we still have a responsibility to search the Scriptures. I want to read the surrounding verses, understand the historical setting, compare passages, pray for wisdom, and be willing to discover when something I inherited through tradition may not be what the text actually teaches.

Second Timothy 2:15 tells us to study to show ourselves approved unto God. For me, that means I should never be afraid of sincere study. Truth can withstand examination.

## **Covenant Must Reach Our Homes**

I also believe covenant should affect our families. If my faith never reaches my home, then something is missing. Our children and grandchildren need more than religious language. They need to see prayer, integrity, forgiveness, discipline, love, accountability, generosity, and faith lived before them.

We cannot control every decision the next generation will make, but we can give them roots. We can teach them who Yahweh is. We can teach them how to pray. We can teach them how to study Scripture instead of simply repeating what someone else says. We can build homes where truth is discussed and questions are welcomed.

## **Identity Should Deepen Devotion**

As I study biblical history and questions of lineage and Judah, I believe identity should lead me toward greater devotion to Yahweh, not pride over other people. Rooted Kingdom Ministries teaches the importance of examining biblical identity and history, while also recognizing that claims connecting modern populations directly to ancient tribes involve historical questions that deserve careful study.

Whatever we conclude about ancestry, knowing names, tribes, history, or lineage means very little if we refuse to live righteously. Identity should never replace obedience. Knowledge should never replace love. History should never become an idol.

If understanding where I believe I come from does not make me more committed to Yahweh, more disciplined, more compassionate, and more serious about truth, then I have gained information without transformation.

## **Walking in Covenant Today**

So what does walking in covenant look like for me today? It means I choose relationship over religion, commitment over convenience, obedience over feelings, faithfulness over inconsistency, and truth over tradition when tradition and truth are not the same.

It means I will keep growing. I will keep studying. I will keep praying. I will allow Yahweh to correct me. I will strengthen my family. I will honor my commitments. And when I fall short, I will return to Him rather than run away from Him.

**Covenant is more than what I say I believe.**

**Covenant is the life I choose to live because of Who I belong to.**

**Scriptures for further study:** Genesis 17:1-8; Exodus 19:3-6; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 25:10; Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 14:15; Hebrews 8:6-13; James 1:22-25; 2 Timothy 2:15.

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