



Only 0.014% of people in the world will run a marathon. So, if you never have, you are in good company. Many people do walk if they have to because they say they can't run. Not true this month, many who say they only walk, will treat this month as a marathon and run themselves into exhaustion. How can I change that in my life by Biblically walking towards Christmas?

I. Walking Toward Christmas Means Walking Toward _____

(Isaiah 35:1–2)

- Isaiah promises that the _____ will “blossom abundantly.”
- Hope is not rooted in our _____, but in God's _____.
- Walking toward Christmas means trusting that God is working even when we cannot _____ it yet.
- What “desert places” are in your life?
- Where might God be preparing new growth?

II. Walking Toward Christmas Means Walking with _____

(Isaiah 35:3–4, Luke 1:37–38)

- God commands fearful hearts to “Be _____, do not fear!”
- Courage is not the absence of fear; it is choosing to _____ even when fear whispers, “Turn back.”
- Mary demonstrates courage when she says, “Let it be to me according to your _____.”
- Where do you sense God asking you to walk even though you feel uncertain?

III. Walking Toward Christmas Means Walking in a New _____

(Isaiah 35:8; Luke 1:46–55)

- Isaiah describes “the Holy _____.”
- This is not geography—it is a new _____ of life.
- Mary's song shows the direction of God's kingdom:
 - The proud are _____
 - The humble are _____
 - The hungry are _____
- Walking toward Christmas means choosing God's _____, not the world's.
- What habits or patterns might God be inviting you to redirect this Advent?

IV. Walking Toward Christmas Means Walking Toward _____

(Isaiah 35:10)

- Isaiah promises “everlasting _____ shall be upon their heads.”
- Joy is not the destination—it is God's _____ on the journey.
- Mary says, “My spirit _____ in God my Savior.”
- How might walking more slowly with God this season open space for deeper joy for you?

This time tomorrow I can walk towards Christmas

- Acknowledge the desert I am in and ask God to let me see the hope ahead.
- Take one small step closer to God by pausing, praying and acknowledging Him in the moment.
- Stop my Christmas marathon and slow walk in hope, courage and joy towards Jesus. Let me find a partner who will walk with me.