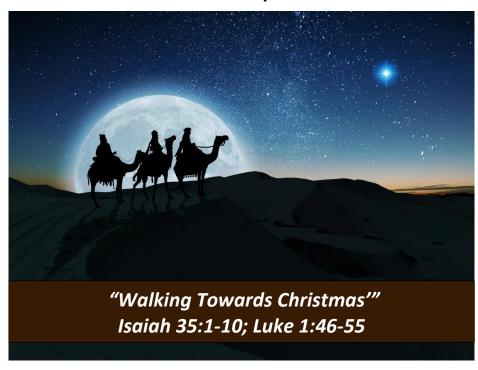
Sunday – December 14, 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent New Series: "A Christmas Journey"



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	
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- 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:
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 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.