

Getting To The Barn

By [Mike Riley](#)

The story is told of a farmer who one day decided to plow the south forty acres in his field. However, his tractor needed oil, so he started for the barn to get it, but on the way, he noticed that the pigs hadn't been fed.

As he neared the corncrib, he saw a pile of sacks which reminded him that the potatoes were sprouting. On the way to the potato pit, he passed the woodpile and remembered that the kitchen stove was burning low and needed wood.

While picking up the wood, he saw that one of his chickens was ailing, so he dropped the wood to tend to the chicken and so distraction after distraction came along until the end of the day — and he still hadn't oiled the tractor or plowed the south forty.

Brethren and friends, the only way we will ever "get to the barn" of Christian service is to **get our priorities in order** ([Matthew 6:33](#)). The farmer in the above story didn't have any priorities — he just "rolled with the flow" of events occurring around him.

Is our Christian life ever like this trip to the barn? Do we ever have grand visions of achieving great service, but the service never gets done? Do we have too many distractions, allowing them to interfere with our goal of being a productive servant in God's kingdom?

There's no question that our life contains plenty of pigs to feed, wood to cut and chickens to doctor, but we can't allow them to get in our way of serving God.

If we will make the commitment to serve God ([Joshua 24:14-15](#)) and go the "extra mile" ([Matthew 5:41](#)), God will make a way for us to "get to the barn."

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

7:pm

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Three "Walks"

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In Ephesians 5, there are three "walks" mentioned. Each one of these "walks" is very important, not only for us to consider, but to make a daily application of in our lives as followers of Christ.

The first "walk" mentioned is "walk in love" ([Ephesians 5:2](#)). Christians are to express the same kind of agape love [considering the best interests of others] as Christ displayed toward us by His sacrifice on the cross ([Romans 5:1-11](#)). As does the Lord, we should have a burning desire for all men to be saved ([2 Peter 3:9](#); cf. [1 Timothy 2:1-4](#); [2 Timothy 2:24-26](#)) and work toward that end ([Matthew 28:19-20](#); [Mark 16:15-16](#); cf. [1 Corinthians 15:58](#)).

The second "walk" mentioned is "walk as children of light" ([Ephesians 5:8](#)). Since God's word is representative of "light" ([Psalm 119:105](#)), and Christ embodies "light" ([John 8:12](#)), God's children are to "walk" in the "light" or teachings of the gospel of Christ ([2 Corinthians 4:4-6](#)).

The third "walk" mentioned is "walk circumspectly" ([Ephesians 5:15 KJV](#)). The American Standard Version, translates the term "circumspectly" [Gr. akribos] as "carefully." The idea presented is to carefully and wisely "walk" in strict adherence to God's word ([Colossians 4:5](#); cf. [Romans 16:19](#); [James 1:5](#); [James 3:13,17](#)), guarding ourselves from the world's ungodly influence ([Romans 12:1-2](#); [2 Corinthians 6:14-18](#)).

Questions: In our daily Christian walk, are we walking in love, walking as children of light, and walking carefully? And are we walking to please God? ([1 Thessalonians 2:10-13](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:1](#)).

Let's think about it and "walk" accordingly!

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks (FV) Keith Stifflemire
(O) Doug Pruett (A) Kyle Stifflemire
1st prayer Jack Wall
2nd prayer Jeffrey Burks
Announcements: Judd Wall
Singing: Mike Mallett

Prayer List:

Naomi Wall
Letha Sheldon
Mildred Lovell
Janese Lancaster
Ruby Jones
Lloyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personal

Dates to Remember

January 29th

Noon Fellowship Meal

February 2nd

Groundhog Day

February 5th

Mission Sunday

February 14th

Valentine Day

February 20th

Presidents Day

February 26th

Noon Fellowship

News From Kenya

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Dear brothers,
May all glory be to the Father and the God of heaven for all that He has done through his servants throughout the year. We had ten baptisms and the meeting went very well. And again thanks be to you all for your great and strong stand with us in His work in His kingdom, may you all be blessed in everything you are doing. In His love and care,
Benard and Dorothy Kagaga

Happy Birthday

Adree Stapp, Feb 4th

Jeffrey Burks, Feb 7th

Avery Vann, Feb 11th

Lindy Burks, Feb 14th

Mac Vann, Feb 14th

Happy Anniversary

To

Vernon & Linda Houts
February 14th