

The Walk

1. Confession and Community
Confession develops good Community

2. Forgiveness and Trust
Forgiveness develops Trust

The Walk

3. Humility and Courage
Humility develops Courage

4. Generosity and Boldness
Generosity develops Boldness

Four Aspects of Confession

Towards God -

1. The Confession of our Sins - Negative

2. Confession of our Worship/Faith/Belief - Positive

Four Aspects of Confession

Towards Others -

3. The Confession of our Sins
toward individuals - Negative

4. Confession of our Worship/Faith/
Belief - Positive

*Between the time we leave adolescence
and arrive at adulthood; between the time
we leave doubt and arrive at faith. It is
like the time when a trapeze artist lets go
the bar and hangs in midair, ready to
catch another support: it is a time of
danger, of expectation, of uncertainty, of
excitement, of extraordinary aliveness".
It is discipleship; it is the pilgrimage. It is
"The Walk".*

Paul Tournier

Psalm 121

Trust in the Lord

Observations about People

1. Everyone is on a Journey

People traveling to Jerusalem would pass the pagan temples on the hills.

2. Everyone needs help in the Journey

vv. 1 and 2

Observations about People

3. The problems of the day become the fears of the night

vv. 5 and 6

Problems of the day - sunstroke

Problems of the night - moon stroke (lunacy)

Observations about God

1. He is here and He is not Silent

2. God watches over His people

Keeps, preserves, helps

Past, present, future

3. God is in Control

**Developing Character in Conflict
When Community is Broken**

A SITUATION OCCURS

1. You have **THOUGHTS** about it
2. You develop **FEELINGS** about the situation
3. You take **ACTION** on your feelings
4. Then there are **RESULTS** to your actions

Trust Breakers - Lack of Forgiveness

CONFLICT OCCURS

1. "Let's just forget about the problem"

No perceived need for confession

Community without confession

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2. "I have a personal peace about the situation"

Allowing feelings to rule the day

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3. "Let's agree to disagree"

*This is okay in limited usage, but
not as the default.*

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**4. Becoming a Peacekeeper rather than
a Peacemaker**

*(i.e. a parent who separates kids by
force without reconciliation, a father,
husband, mother or wife who is using
their personal strength to solve a
situation.)*

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5. Détente -

*"I'll agree not to destroy you, if
you agree not to destroy me."*

HOW WE LOOK AT CHARACTER

1. Character and Who God is
2. Character and How I think
3. Character and Who I am
4. Character and What I do

So:

1. Forgiveness and Who God Is
2. Forgiveness and How I think
3. Forgiveness and Who I am
4. Forgiveness and What I do

So:

1. Trust and Who God Is
2. Trust and How I think
3. Trust and Who I am
4. Trust and What I do
