



Walking in Step

By Pastor Jeff



Way back in 1975 I spent my summer vacation at the United States Marine Corps base at Quantico, VA. I was in training as an office candidate. Upon our arrival, a stately-looking gentleman with a Smokey the Bear hat stepped into the doorway of the bus and warmly greeted us, *“Good afternoon gentleman, welcome to Marine Corps base Quantico.”* Then with a single breath, he cried out, *“YOU MAGGOTS HAVE FIVE SECONDS TO GET OFF MY MARINE CORPS BUS AND LINE UP ON SET OF LITTLE YELLOW FOOTPRINTS, NOW MOVE!!!”* After lining up and receiving some further “gentle” instructions, we began processing, which entailed marching from processing station to station. So from the first moments of my Marine Corps life, I had to listen to directions to stay in step. *“Hey left foot right foot left.”*

As a new Marine Corps Office Candidate, I had to submit to my drill sergeant and listen to stay in step. In the same way, we appropriate in faith and submission our co-crucified life with Jesus (Gal 2:20; 5:24-25) and are led by the indwelling Spirit. When we do so, we are

walking in the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit will be manifested. Just think of the power and joy of lives, marriages, families and our church when characterized by: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control. May each of us be mindful of God’s simple and powerful approach of walking in the Spirit! (Gal.5:16-26)

Items of Interest

We had an awesome month of services in June with Missionary Jeff Travers (June 1), our church picnic (June 8), recognition of Dads (June 15), and the recognition of our High School Graduates (June 22). We again want to express our joy and pride for our four graduating seniors: Laura Wetzell, Chanel Roman, Jared Haas and Ryan Long. Please keep each of these precious young adults in your prayers.

In regards to our churches development, we made good progress in June:

- The statement of operation for the church constitution is coming along.
- A new plan for church guest follow up was developed.
- A master to do list for our developmental steps was drafted. A copy is also attached so that you can be informed and be praying for the leadership team.