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## In His Steps

Devotion

“Come Follow Me,” the Savior Spake (*LSB* 688 v. 1)

“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,  
“All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,  
Take my example for your guide.”

One of my favorite things is getting out a new calendar at the beginning of each new year. I put away the old calendar with its tattered corners and smudge marks and joyfully bring out the new one with bright colorful pages full of plans and hope for the year to come.

Take a look at your calendar. Is it filled with activities, meetings, and appointments? We are good at filling our calendars with events — laying out the plan for our lives. We love to be in control. But many times, those plans get changed by others or by circumstances of life. What do we do then? We may become stressed, frustrated, and unhappy that what we thought was going to happen or what we were going to get done is foiled. We complain, groan, and get grumpy! But as we look at Scripture, we find that we can rely on the Lord, knowing that He has a plan and a purpose for us. *The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps* (Proverbs 16:9).

How much better for us if we would take the time at the beginning of each day, look at our plan, and pray that the Lord would guide our steps and follow His direction. *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a life* (Jeremiah 29:11).

Sometimes He takes us into strange places and circumstances, but if we remember that He is directing our steps we find peace and joy as we follow in His steps. Out of love and mercy for us, He went to the cross so we might have eternal life. What a comfort to know, because of that love, no matter where life takes us, He will be there to direct our steps as we follow Him!

“Come Follow Me,” the Savior Spake (*LSB* 688 v. 2)

”I am the light, I light the way,  
A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day;  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
How you must sojourn here below.”

**Prayer:** Lord, give us courage to follow You and know that You have a plan and hope for us as You direct our steps each day. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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