



# WALKING BY THE WAY

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## Tell the Story

 **Walk:** Visit a site significant in your family's history. Perhaps take pictures from the same perspective as a picture taken years or decades ago. Why is this place significant? What difference did it make to your family story, to your spiritual walk, or to the direction of life? Perhaps it was a major change, perhaps it was a small change.

 **Talk:** Read Psalm 9

1. What does it mean to give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart? What does halfhearted thanks look like? Wholehearted thankfulness takes more time and thought, but God is worthy of this kind of worship.
2. In verse 1, David says that he will recount all of God's wonderful deeds. If David is going to recall to his mind all of the wonderful things that God has done, he:
  - ...must have been paying attention to even notice how God has directed his life, or blessed his life, or protected him.
  - ...had to use his senses to see / hear / understand God's wonders in creation. Science is the study of the wonder of God.
  - ...had to take the time to sit and think (in the present) about what God did (in the past). Do you think this gave him confidence (for the future), remembering God's faithfulness? How has God been faithful to you and to your family? Even in very hard or dark times, God is faithful; sometimes we need to be still long enough to see it!
3. How do verses 3-6 contrast with verses 7-9? Whatever happens during times of trouble or hardship, God is always in control. Visiting this place that is significant to your family history, how do you see God in control or showing His power?

 **Pray:** Father, You are crafting the story of the history of the world. You've told us about Jesus coming to earth, dying for our sin, and returning again as Your honored Son. Somewhere, in all that You are doing, our family fits into that story. Teach us to trust You as a family and as each person in it. You have been, and will always be, faithful.

 **Sing:** I Love To Tell The Story

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