



Two people walking beside each other, on the beach, sidewalk, in the park. What do they do with their time together? Is the time filled with silence or communication? Laughter, interchange of words, some kind some not so kind! Encounters with other requires giving of oneself to the relationship that is to grow. Everyone loves the poem by Mary Stevenson “Footprints in the Sand”, especially the part where Jesus states that He carried us through the rough times. Walk n Talk With Me seeks to model evangelism and

witnessing in the style and format that Jesus established during his lifetime.

When Jesus started “calling” his disciples, into ministry, it was through normal encounters; fishing (Matt 4:18-22), collecting taxes (Matt 9:9-13), conversations on the street (Matt 19:16-30; Mark 5:1-20). It causes one to wonder how he started the conversations or showed interest in their lives. I like the “25 Ways Jesus Interacted with People” by [Mathew Gilbert](#). Mathew calls Jesus “the evangelist par excellence which each believer even the best practiced ones find difficult to accomplish. Thus, the purpose for “Walk n Talk With Me”, to imitate the style of evangelism that Jesus lived!



Evangelism, witnessing, sharing your faith, etc., are all avenues of the Christian life that many people find difficult to maneuver. Paul the Apostle stated “I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings”. (1 Corinthians 9:19 – 23). The scriptures memorized never come out the way they were studied. The confidence factor that happened during practice time diminishes as quickly as the fuse on a firecracker. There was the time in 1980, speaking with a Air Force pilot, that the witnessing quickly turned into his adventures in the Antarctic. That was more interesting at the time, then giving the canned speech about why he should accept Jesus.

Walk n Talk With Me takes everyday encounters, built around relationships, and turns conversations into relationships. WTWM shows an interest into their world and their belief system through the relationship built. It is making connections with those around us, so that our life in Jesus allows them to see the ‘identifiers’ of a holy life. WTWM takes every opportunity to sit and congregate with people, and simply speak with them. Let the conversation show the love that Jesus has shown you. Let the relationship take its natural course and be ready in season and out of season (2 Timothy 4:1 – 5). The objective of WTWM is to develop a lifestyle where conversations and interaction between people leads to conversation about Jesus and His eternal gift. WTWM has five fundamental principles to get you started in lifestyle evangelism. There it is, we said the words you probably

didn't want to hear – You must alter your 'lifestyle' to live for Jesus 24/7 and every millisecond in between.

Here are the principals of WTWM:

1. *Connection Established* – Establish a relationship where mutual edification is necessary. As a believer, remember that Jesus is to be glorified in all things.
2. *Connection Maintained* – WTWM seeks in establishing ongoing relationships each person has acceptance and can voice their opinion in open discussion. As a believer, remember WTWM is not a debate, or “quick conversion”; it is an open discussion where each person can voice their opinion.
3. *Connection Repeated* – WTWM is to facilitate meetings by getting to know the fundamentals of their life, belief system, family background, goals and dreams. In other words, MAKE A FRIEND FOR LIFE!
4. *Connection Protocol* – WTWM is not a debate, and public criticism of any religion is not encouraged.
5. *Connection Atmosphere* – WTWM enables all communities to encounter one another in a relaxed context of friendship and hearing.



Key things that WTWM requires to start this adventure. Be and become a person of peace, to those around you (more on that in another article). Study to know God's Word (The Bible), actively seeking to live the teaching each day. Be ready in any circumstance to share the gospel that is within you (2 Timothy 4:2). Build a relationship that endures showing interest in their world and belief system. Finally, show consistency in your life both in word and deeds (James 4:22). We are convinced Jesus' style of evangelism and witnessing was Walk n Talk With Me. So that those encountered would come to know the Father, and eventually put their faith in Him thus securing their reward in heaven. Have fun walking with people every day, so that they see Christ in you.