Walk This Way
(1 Thessalonians 2:1-13)

Introduction: 1. Jesus called his disciples to “follow him” (Matthew 4:19).
2. The apostle Paul then called Christians to follow him as he followed Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:1).
3. Ideally, we then should be able to call the world to follow us.
4. But what way of life should we be calling people to follow? What are we called to be, and what should we be calling others to be?

I. Be Biblical
   A. (1 Thessalonians 2:1-4).
   B. His life was firmly fixed on the importance of Scripture.
   C. (Psalm 119:11).
   D. (2 Timothy 4:2-4).
   E. (Jeremiah 7:3, 31).
   F. (Galatians 4:16).
   G. (Hosea 4:6).
   H. (Matthew 24:35).

II. Be Authentic
   A. (1 Thessalonians 2:5-6).
   B. (Philippians 1:15-16).
   C. (1 Timothy 6:5).

III. Be Gracious
   A. (1 Thessalonians 2:7-11).
   B. Are we more abrasive and judgmental than we are compassionate and tolerant?
   C. Paul not only preached, but he gave his life.
   D. (Micah 6:8)
   E. (James 2:13).

IV. Be Relevant
   A. (1 Thessalonians 2:12-13).
   B. There must be a link between our walk and our talk.
   C. (Romans 2:1-24).
   D. (Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:12).
   E. Christianity must become more than theological arguments, but it must become a practical way of life if it is to be accepted.

Conclusion: 1. Let’s walk this way.
2. In so doing, we’ll be following Jesus and we’ll also be an example for others to follow.

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