

HIKING

LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS

*The LORD gave David victory everywhere he went.
(1 Chronicles 18:6b)*

King David did a lot of walking, hiking, and marching. He went to many different places, but his goal was always the same: to conquer other nations and enlarge his kingdom. This was not a violent and selfish goal, this was what the Lord wanted David to do. Israel was not really David's nation, it was the Lord's. And so David was simply carrying out the Lord's plan for him and for the nation of Israel. So it shouldn't surprise us to hear that **the LORD gave David victory everywhere he went.**

Throughout our lives we will probably do many different things and go to many different places. That might be a hike in the woods, maybe a bus ride to school, a car trip to work, or just the daily journey through life. No matter where we are or how we get there, we know that the LORD will be with us to bless us.

Now that does not mean that our journey in life will be trouble-free. Certainly David had his troubles – being hunted down by King Saul and later by his own son Absalom are just a few of many examples. However, in spite of pain and problems David knew that the Lord would be with him and bless him. We may get bruised and broken and beaten and bloodied, but we will still be blessed.

Even when problems come our way, we need to remember the biggest victory that Jesus won for us. He willingly left the glory of heaven to come down to this sin-filled world. He hiked from town to town proclaiming that he was the Promised Savior. He made the slow and torturous journey to the cross to win the victory over sin and Satan. His dead body was carried to the tomb so that three days later Jesus could walk out of it to prove that he had conquered even death and hell.

Our victorious King is always with us to continue to strengthen us and help us. No matter where you are in your journey of life, Jesus is there by your side.

THE PRAYER:

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure.

Flee the world which would deceive us and to sin our souls allure.

Ever in his footsteps treading, body here, yet soul above.

Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.

Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior lead; I follow thee. Amen. (CW 452:1)