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Guided by Love

I treasure the times I go for a walk. Most often it is to get a little exercise, sometimes to bring quiet to the busiest of days and sometimes to have the opportunity to visit with a friend. The walks are often around my neighborhood, but my most memorable ones have been with family.

Some of our family walks have included a foggy morning on the beach, exploring the Olympic National Park and hiking on a plateau in central California. Several years ago, my husband and I hiked six miles along the coast of Wales, near St Davids, with our son and daughter-in-law. We gained entrance to the path through a farmer's field and enjoyed the swish of the tall grass with each step we took. Further along on our walk that day, we passed grazing horses, counted the boats in the small harbors, stood on the edge of a few cliffs, listened to the sound of the waves, and gazed at the beauty around us.



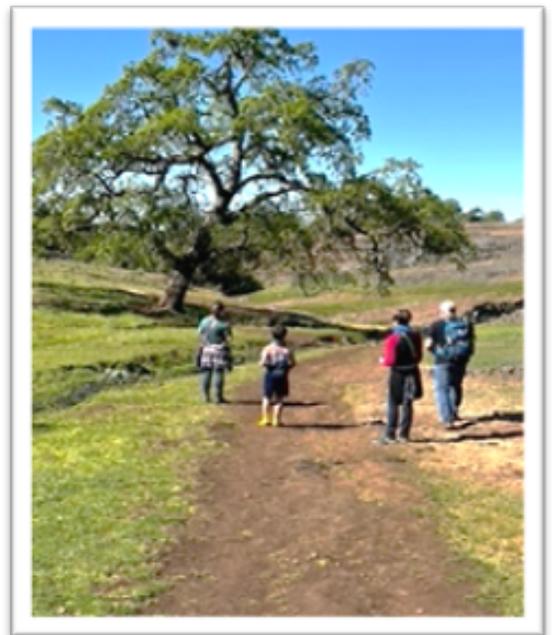
Proverbs 16:9 tells us that *“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”*

When I read this verse, I ponder in wonder over God's unconditional love that he has for each of us. He not only provides everything we need, but he is with all of us every

step of the way. How can we define steps? Perhaps it is the movement of our feet in a repetitious pattern, climbing the steps on a staircase or ladder, keeping pace with someone, constructing a craft, or planning a long-term goal.

Wherever your steps take you, you can be assured by the words found in Jeremiah 29:11, *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”* God's guidance is there in each step we take.

Each day when we rise, we can pray and ask God to be with us, because *“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end: they are new every morning:*



great is your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22-23).

STEP into each new day knowing you are surrounded in love, God's love, who sent to us His son to save us. Today and each new day we step out in faith. *“For we walk by faith, not by sight”* (2 Corinthians 5:7).

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