

We walk with hope.

How do I make my way in the world?

Each of us goes through the process of figuring out who we are, what we believe, and what we're going to do with our lives. For young people, it's an exciting time when they start to make their way in the world, but it is not always an easy process. Many young people don't get to make choices about their lives and can feel trapped. Life can be confusing, with so many options that it's difficult to know what to do. We all need people alongside us as we go, but many young people do not have the support of others on this path.

When young people aren't able to make decisions about their lives, they can feel disempowered, seeming like nothing they do matters. If they're unable to express who they are and want to be, they can feel disconnected from others and lonely. When they don't know what to do, or the future seems too confusing, they can feel afraid. Sometimes it seems like they have no future, like they can't go on.

The Good News is that we are not alone and can have hope and confidence as we make our way in life. Following Jesus gives our lives a sense of purpose and direction (Mark 1:16-20). We know that Jesus is with us as we face challenges (Mark 4:35-40). When we are afraid that we have chosen the wrong direction, God reminds us how much he loves us and helps us find our way (Luke 15:11-24). With God, we can explore what our unique contribution to the world is and be a part of something bigger than just ourselves (Luke 10:1-9).

For young people, 'We Walk With Hope' is a vision and a declaration of the Good News:

When we're young we start to make our way in the world. We make decisions about who we are and what we're going to be. But sometimes it feels like other people have already chosen for us, or that we can't control our path. We go to school and are told what to do. We have responsibilities, and people who need us. Other people have decided what our path is going to be.

Sometimes we can feel trapped by the things that have happened to us and the situations we find ourselves in. Sometimes our path can be confusing, and the future scary. The world feels chaotic, and we feel like no one is on our side. We can feel alone and wonder if we can even go on.

The Good News is we are not alone. God is on our side as we make our way through life, and will be with us as we move forward, offering guidance and support. When we feel trapped by our past, the Good News is our future can be different. We can move forward with confidence, knowing that we can handle whatever comes next.

God loves us for who we are, and that won't change, no matter what happens. Because of this, we know we can explore different paths, and that we have something to offer. We know that God is doing something in the world, and we can be part of it. We can have hope.

I was afraid that I'd lose my way. Now I know...

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