

weakest saints may live by Him. The man of the world may not be able to understand you when you tell Him that there is a real Person walking with you, whose companionship is a continual delight, nevertheless it is true. If you were to receive a letter from a friend saying, "I will be with you to-morrow," you would believe him and go to the railway station to meet him; and Christ has said, "Lo, I am with you always!" and upon the honor of a gentleman you believe Him. Men can never know what this companionship means by reading about it, or hearing sermons explaining it, or listening to the recital of a saint's experience of it. They must go where He is waiting for them and keep His company, which will so charm their hearts that they will not desire to leave Him. The best companionship is guidance. Companionship with Christ is not a chance association with a fellow-traveller who has overtaken you on the road, but a constant friendship on the journey of life. You are not walking behind Him with your hand upon His shoulder, as convicts do in penal institutions; but you are keeping step with Him as He walks beside you. As you keep step with Him you will acquire a certain gait by which men will know that you have been in His company and still are there. As they look at you they will be compelled to say, "There goes a