

# **“Caution: Watch your Step!”**

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*“Most Americans tend to worship their work,  
work at their play, and play at their worship.”*

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## **Where do we struggle?**

1. *We are often too casual in our approach to God.*
2. *We are better promise-breakers than promise-keepers.*



## **1. Draw Near and Listen Well! (1)**

- a. Because God is communicating through His Word.
- b. APP: *Be slow to speak and quick to listen (James 1:19).*



## **2. Be Quiet and Stay Calm! (2-3)**

- a. Because God hears the inaudible and sees the invisible.
- b. APP: *Be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10).*



## **3. Make a Commitment and Keep it! (4-5)**

- a. Because God believes it and doesn't forget it.
- b. APP: *Keep your vows even when it hurts (Psalm 15:4).*



## **4. Don't Decide Now and Deny Later! (6-7)**

- a. Because God doesn't ignore our decisions.
- b. APP: *Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' & your 'No' be 'No' (Matt. 5:37)*



## **Gospel Applications:**

1. Bad News: We are far more sinful than we dare admit.
2. Good News: We are far more loved than we dare imagine.