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**Listen!** A terrified boy with seizures that will not stop says, “God is ignoring me.”

- **Tension in our lives:** Too often it feels like God is indifferent toward us, like He has forgotten us and our needs, and like He is busy with more important people and more important things.

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- ...spiritual rescue
- ...personal friendship
- ...holiness and growth

**The Idea:** God is not indifferent toward us...rather He pursues and engages us for spiritual rescue, for personal friendship, and for holiness and growth.

- The challenge is to pay attention along the path—to be sensitive to “the arrival of God” along the path of our lives.

**Live Differently:**

- **Worshipping**—be the “Hound of Earth” in our relationships with God?
- **Reaching**—be the “Hound of Kindness and Truth” in our relationships with unbelievers?
- **Coaching**—be the “Hound of Motivation” in our relationships with believers?

**The Hound of Heaven is continually tracking us down—He did it again today!**

# “Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

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- **Sunday:** Do you have experiences, past or present, in which you have come to believe that God is indifferent toward you—has forgotten you in favor of more important people? What are they?
- **Monday:** What are the feelings and fears that run through your heart as you suffer through situations in which you feel God is indifferent and ignoring you and your needs?
- **Tuesday:** How and where did God “track you down for spiritual rescue?” If you have not put your trust in Christ—abandoning all self-merit—is it possible that God has tracked you down right here and now to invite you to that act of faith?
- **Wednesday:** List some places and times where God tracked you down for personal friendship with Him. Might He be inviting you to a greater and more consistent personal friendship from this point on? What will you do?
- **Thursday:** Rehearse some situations in which God tracked you down for greater spiritual growth and greater purification of your faith. Might He be doing that exact thing in some situation in your life right now? How will you respond?
- **Friday:** What one thing would you be willing to do in order to be a “Hound of Earth” toward God?
- **Saturday:** What one thing would you be willing to do in order to be a “Hound of Kindness and Truth” toward those who do not yet know God?
- **Bonus thought (no extra charge of course):** What one thing would you be willing to do in order to be a “Hound of Motivation” toward your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ?
- **Bonus, bonus thought:** Please read Psalm 44:20-26 and reflect on the lives of believers in the Bible who waited and waited and waited for God to show up and help them.

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