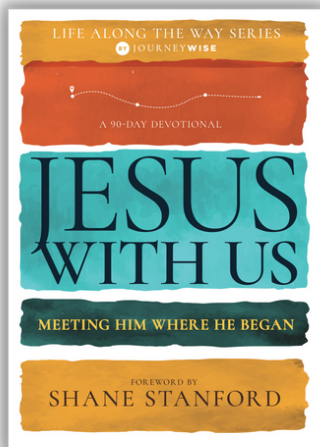




First Two Devotionals Release from JourneyWise Network

Jesus With Us and Jesus Among Us Covers Half of the Calendar Year

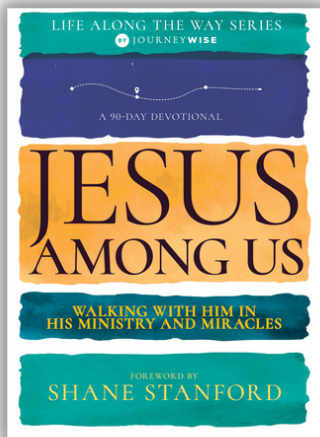
Volumes 3 and 4 will be released Fall 2024



Memphis, TN (January 2024) – In all aspects of life, Christians are navigating how to be **in** the world, but not **of** the world. Realistically, how are Christians to emulate Jesus in the world without intimate knowledge of his earthly life? To answer the age-old question of “What Would Jesus Do?”, one must first know what Jesus did.

JourneyWise, a multimedia network dedicated to helping people “Love Jesus and Love Like Jesus,” is launching the first two installments of its newest devotional resource with publishing partner Whitaker House. **Life Along the Way** - a four-volume devotional series - aims to direct readers to study the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in a personal and applicable way.

Writes Stanford: “We have the privilege of traveling through life with the greatest Teacher, Friend, and Savior we could ever know. Jesus invites you, at any point in your journey, to ask the questions that lie deep in your soul and spend time pondering how each answer fits within the context of the Great Answer of Jesus.”



In **Jesus with Us: Meeting Him Where He Began**—the first volume of the **Life Along the Way** Series—God came to earth in Jesus Christ to be with us, close to us, and in relationship with us. It’s in His very name, as Matthew 1:23 tells us that Immanuel means “God with us.” **Jesus with Us** tells the story of Jesus from Bethlehem to the Beatitudes.

The second volume – entitled **Jesus Among Us: Walking With Him in His Ministry and Miracles** – continues the one-year journey with Jesus, tells the story of the meetings with and miracles of Jesus to the broken. This intimate devotional explores key interactions Jesus had with people along the way, including those needing miracles, those searching for deep inclusion into the family, and many simply craving the basic power of touch.

With each of the four books, the **JourneyWise** team has created an online “Travel Guide” located at <https://lifealongtheway.church/>. This unique resource is perfect for immediate and effective use and includes a “Leader’s Guide” for small groups, a “Family Road Trip” section with weekly discussion questions and application ideas for families with children, and “The Great Adventure” resource for anyone at any stage looking to put their faith into action. There are also media guides for a church of any size to immediately download and use for their promotion of **Life Along the Way**.

Our desire with **Jesus Among Us** is to focus on the core need of every person – ‘to know and be known,’” says Stanford. “Everyone craves to be seen and accepted. Jesus was the ultimate model of this practice. As you read these devotional, I encourage you to reflect on the humanity of Jesus’s earthly journey. Listen to His conversations with family members and friends. Hear the Father give Him His next directions and destinations. Watch the equally human and divine story of Jesus unfold before your eyes.”

Each volume offers readers:

- 90 days of tangible life lessons inspired by Scripture
- Thoughtful journaling prompts to personalize each day's lesson
- Practical applications from Jesus's earthly ministry for today's Christian walk
- Daily guided prayers designed to engage the reader with applicable change
- A concluding message to inspire readers to continue their journey

The first volumes, *Jesus With Us* and *Jesus Among Us*, were used in a test case with a church-wide study. Responses from the participants were overwhelmingly positive.

"Love it! Love it!" I felt an intimacy with Jesus that I have not felt in other bible studies. I have eagerly sought Him out each day. The daily prayers provide healing and direction to my soul."

Carrie H.

"This has caused my walk to go deeper. And our students have really had it impact them. They are enjoying the process."

Ron W.

"I appreciate the prayers - we could have a worship session just by praying the prayers, page after page; Praise and thanksgiving to our wonderful Lord."

Faye G.

JourneyWise will be supporting the **Life Along the Way** devotional series with various interviews, presentations across the country and promotions through their network of podcasts including *You Matter*, *JourneyWise*, and *Choosing Cheer*. The first two books have already been selected as a 2024 premium by "100 Huntley Street" in North America.

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JourneyWise creates multimedia discipleship resources across numerous platforms and is led by **Dr. Shane Stanford**, President/CEO of the Moore-West Center for Applied Theology. **JourneyWise** was founded by sisters Betty Moore and Carole West, daughters of Kemmons Wilson (founder of Holiday Inn), along with their husbands, Jack Moore (former Chair and CEO of Regions Bank) and Dr. Bill West (world renowned oncologist; founder of the West Cancer Center in Memphis, TN). <https://journeywise.network/>



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Suggested Interview Questions

- ▶ What sets the **Life Along the Way** series apart from other devotionals on the market?
- ▶ Each devotional includes 90 days of daily readings, walking readers through an entire year. What was the creative process behind creating a quarterly devotional series?
- ▶ Volume 1, *Jesus With Us*, explores the beginning of Jesus' earthly life while Volume 2, *Jesus Among Us*, dives deeper into his ministry and miracles. What were some of the most personally impactful devotional lessons from these two volumes?
- ▶ What do you hope readers will gain from reading the **Life Along the Way** devotionals?