



For 35 years, Deeper Walk International has been helping people identify and overcome the obstacles to a deeper walk with God. Deeper Walk International, a 501c3 nonprofit, employs a distinctive approach known as heart-focused discipleship, which integrates brain science, spiritual warfare, and inner healing in a biblically-balanced manner — our unique "secret sauce."

Our model is underpinned by the expertise of our president, Dr. Marcus Warner, who holds three degrees from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. With a strong presence on various programs associated with Moody Radio, Dr. Warner is currently collaborating on his seventh book with Moody Publishers, solidifying our reputation as a trusted authority in the field.

In recent years, through radio, podcasts, books, courses, and a robust online presence, God has allowed Deeper Walk International to directly impact hundreds of thousands of people around the globe, reaching over 70 nations. In 2022, a 14,000 square foot building on 24 usable acres of land in Hobart, Indiana was donated to be used for the *Joy Center* project.

We are seeking partners to join us in this exciting endeavor to **bring Christ to the world through joy in Hobart and around the world.** I'd be delighted to share more!

Grateful,

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I. Our History

- Deeper Walk International, **initially a counseling center** in Sioux City, Iowa, has evolved into a transformative ministry integrating biblical wisdom, neuroscience, and attachment theory into discipleship and evangelism.
- Several years ago, Dr. Marcus Warner, the president of the ministry, shared a **vision for developing joy centers in low joy environments** that could help people, families, schools, and businesses learn the essential skills to increase their joy. Since then, he has co-authored four books with this dream in mind.
 - *The 4 Habits of Joy-Filled Marriages, The 4 Habits of Raising Joy-Filled Kids, and The 4 Habits of Joy-Filled People* (all with Chris Coursey, who has run a relational skills training program for over fifteen years)
 - *Rare Leadership in the Workplace* (with Dr. Jim Wilder - a neurotheologian whose neuroscience research is the basis for the programs)
- 1) In 2022, Deeper Walk International launched a **School of Ministry** that has gained momentum, certifying individuals in prayer ministry for trauma and behavioral patterns; over 70 students have been equipped (lay leaders, clergy, and para-church ministry leaders, other professionals).
- In December 2022, the Cornerstone Community Church of Hobart, Indiana, **donated its property** and resources to Deeper Walk, strategically positioning the organization uniquely to **pursue its dream of establishing Joy Centers.**

II. Our Unique Model: Heart-Focused Discipleship

The Church, often likened to a factory producing disciples, prompts a critical question: *Are we content with the quality of disciples we are creating?* Studies indicate concerning trends, such as less than 9% of Christians having a biblical worldview, a notable youth exodus, and a rising number of church closures. **The 'Discipleship Factory' is evidently broken, risking the loss of the next generation.** The traditional model, centering on Academics, Behavior, and Church Service, falls short.

Deeper Walk aims to address this by introducing discipleship 2.0 – a paradigm shift called **"Heart-Focused Discipleship."** This model, rooted in the Gospel, emphasizes Freedom, Identity, Spirit & Scripture within a Heart-Focused Community, leading to Mission for effective Kingdom Impact. Heart-Focused Discipleship, deeply grounded in the Bible, practical, and anchored in the Gospel, seeks to guide individuals and congregations towards freedom and maturity in Christ. By prioritizing the heart and fostering genuine community, we envision a transformative era in discipleship.