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## I'LL BE HIS FEET

The following is an actual conversation that took place between a little boy and his mother. A little boy was drawing a picture one day when his mother walked into the room. She asked him what he was drawing, and he said he was drawing Jesus. As she looked at the picture, she saw a head, arms, and legs, but could see he wasn't quite finished with the drawing. She asked, "Where are His feet?" The young boy said, "He doesn't need feet, mommy, I'll be His feet." Oh, that we all had that child-like faith (Matt. 18:3)! In our songbooks, song #460, entitled, "The World's Bible," expresses a similar thought. Christ has no hands, but our hands, no tongues but our tongues, and He has "no feet but our feet." If the world is going to hear and know the gospel, I cannot be satisfied to sit back

and wish that people might trip over their Bibles on the way to breakfast! If the world is going to hear the gospel, I need to make an effort to tell it! Christ has no feet, but our feet. Are you, like that young boy, determined to be Jesus' feet? While Jesus was on this earth, He was busy spreading the word. John said He was so busy in this work that, "*If they (Christ's works, JJ) should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written*" (Jn. 21:25). When He was about to leave this earth, He told His apostles to spread God's word all over the world (Mk. 16:15). They were to take it to "*Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth*" (Acts 1:8). The book of Acts records how the apostles obeyed this

command. The apostle Paul told Timothy that he had a responsibility to teach the truth to people. He said, "*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also*" (II Tim. 2:2). Read this again and notice how the gospel went from the Holy Spirit to Paul first (Gal. 1:11-12; Eph. 3:3), then Paul told Timothy (and others) as he preached. Since he knew the truth, Timothy was to teach faithful men the gospel so that they could teach others as well! In this manner, the gospel was able to span the globe in about thirty years (Col. 1:5-6, 23)! If we wish to span the globe with the gospel, we need to determine to be Christ's feet! Making the spreading of the gospel a priority is what determines whether we are going to be indeed the "feet" of Christ. Or, will allow the story above to merely bring a smile to our faces as we go about our lives? Will you be His feet? What is most important to you (Matt. 6:33; Rom. 12:2)? The song "The World's Bible" has another section where it asks some tough questions. It asks what if God's last message to man is "blurred" because of us? What if our hands are busy with

other things? What if our feet walk toward sin instead of toward God? What if our tongues speak of things that are contrary to the gospel? I would add the question, what if we allow our tongues to talk about any subject *except* for the gospel? What then? "How can we hope to help Him and welcome His return?" We can talk about sports, the weather, politics, viruses, neighbors, work, hardships, joys, children, grandchildren, property rights, and dreams. For some reason, many can't seem to open the door to the most important subject – the gospel! Why not? In this congregation, it can't be a lack of knowledge that stills our tongues! In this congregation, it can't be a lack of opportunity to tell people about the Lord. What is it? Maybe the gospel is not our priority like it needs to be! What importance, what position does the gospel hold in your life? I know a little boy that says he wants to be Christ's feet. Does he understand what that entails? Not yet, but *you do!* Why don't we show this boy and all of our young people what it means to be Christ's feet? Let us lead by example and see how God will bless us (I Cor. 3:6)! Who is ready to say, "I'll be His feet"? Who will

sing and proclaim, "Here am I, send me" (Isa. 6:8)? – Jarrod Jacobs

Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God who came..." These are words to a hymn of praise that we often sing during our worship assemblies. This song takes its lyrics from Isaiah 53:3. Jesus was despised and forsaken of men, *a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief*. Christ was familiar with grief. He knew grief and sorrow rather well. 1 Corinthians 11:1 says, "*Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.*" This was penned by the inspired apostle Paul. Paul said this in his farewell address to the Ephesians in Acts 20:19. "*Serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which come upon me through the plots of the Jews.*" Farther down in Acts 20:37, it says, "*And they began to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him, grieving especially over the word which he had spoke....*" Paul had spent three years laboring with these brethren. They developed an unshakeable bond rooted in the truth. It was a very emotional time to see Paul depart, and they didn't seem to feel the need to remain stoic as their brother

left. They wept *aloud* and embraced Paul. There was no doubt of their love for Paul. If we see examples like these throughout Scripture, why do we then believe God commends a stoic attitude? I'm not familiar with any Scripture that says God supports and encourages us for being stoic, unemotional, and cold. I read that we are to be kind to one another, *tender-hearted*, and forgiving (Eph. 4:32). I could be wrong, and you'd be my brother or sister to correct me if I'm wrong. I'm not sure where this attitude of stoicism in the church originated, but from my study of God's word, I don't read of it being commended by God. It is noble to want to separate ourselves from the sensationalism and false emotionalism in the denominational world. Yet, if we allow that to cause us to grow cold and stoic, what have we done? Have we accomplished the will of God? I think not. Stoicism has some interesting concepts, and some noble ideals such as perseverance, enduring hardships, etc. One of the main goals of stoicism, though, is not to show emotion and remain neutral during times of turmoil and grief. I read that Jesus was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief in my Bible. I read that His sweat became like great drops of blood in the Garden of Gethsemane (Lk. 22:44). Jesus paved the way for how we are to think, feel, act, react, etc. – Jordan Lawson



# MONTHLY CHALLENGE

**DIRECTIONS:** Each first Sunday of the month, we will have challenges that you should attempt to complete by the end of the month. If we all, as members, complete these challenges, our church will grow in spirit and in number.

## 1) Praying Through Psalms Challenge

***Psalm 34:1-3*** "I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul will make its boast in the LORD; the humble will hear it and rejoice. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together." While we are encouraged to trust in the power of prayer, at times we feel at a loss to know just how to put our intense emotions and feelings in prayer. The Psalms become a great blueprint to direct us in that way as David literally poured out his heart before the Lord in the Psalms. For this month, try picking out a few psalms that match the emotional intensity you wish to express in prayer and try praying through them. Make them personal to you, and incorporate the phrases and descriptions in your own way as you communicate to God in prayer. Try as many as you can this month and see if these same phrases and illustrations can become a regular part of your own expressions to the Lord in prayer.

## 2) USING YOUR BIBLE IN THE WORLD

Share the following verses with someone who does not attend this congregation at least twice this month:

### *Isaiah 6:1-8*

"In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.' And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. Then I said, 'Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.' Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, 'Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and whom will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"