

Prepared For the War-Part 4 He Will Take Us Anywhere

"[Poppa] always says there's an awful lot you could tell about a person by their shoes. Where they're going. Where they've been. I've worn lots of shoes. I bet if I think about it real hard I could remember my first pair of shoes. [Poppa] said they'd take me anywhere."

If you are a movie buff like me you know what movie this comes from and you are probably playing the movie in your head right now. You may even be laughing joyfully because of the simplicity this character portrays. When thinking of this writing I was having a difficult time because it is something I am trying to grasp for my own life. The topic is peace but more specifically our shoes of peace. In my struggle to understand this to bring it to you the Lord brought this movie to my mind. He always explains things so I can understand them (another reference to the movie, hahahaha).

Ephesians 6:15 - and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace...

Just like the movie quote from above, we can tell about a person's relationship (walk) with God by how much or how little peace they have. The Bible verse says we are to have our feet covered with the preparation of the gospel of peace. What does that mean? All I can do is try to explain it as I am currently receiving it myself from Holy Spirit.

This Bible verse is speaking about more than our feet or shoes. It is speaking of the path we walk; the way we take in any situation; the road we choose to travel; the choices we make whatever the situation is. Jesus is The Way. We know this yet we (I know I do) often choose other paths to find satisfaction. How many times have we chosen to judge another person for their actions (even in our thoughts) instead of seeking the Lord and His ways? How many times have we justified our actions that go against God's will?

The preparation of the gospel of peace is our relationship with the Lord. It is the way we choose to take that goes with God's will and not against it. It is being obedient to the Lord no matter what we may think or feel in the moment. It is complete abandonment to our Lord no matter what.

When God first gave the commandment regarding Passover He told the people something that often gets missed (at least by some of us).

Exodus 12:11 - And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

He told the people to do this to ensure they would be ready to go when it was time. [Note: I will do a writing on this specific verse in detail sometime next month.] We are to be the same. We are to be ready and prepared at a moment's notice to go. To go where and do what is up to you and the Lord. If we are not prepared, how can we help others be prepared? If the entire army is not ready, how will the enemy be subdued? To have our feet ready to go we must have them covered in the preparation of the gospel of peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace and The Way. He is our path. Going deeper into a more intimate relationship with Him is how we become prepared.

I do not believe it is a stretch to think He was our first pair of shoes (the covering of our feet). We have fallen from our first love and our original purpose. Jesus sacrificed Himself to bring us back into order; back into the Father's loving arms. He was resurrected by the power of God which is in Holy Spirit. Now they all abide in us. Just like the character from this movie, we should have that simplistic nature to believe everything our [Poppa] says (the character believed his momma in everything). We are to take everything our Father in Heaven says and trust it. Let Him lead because Poppa says He will take us anywhere.

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