

What's On Your Feet? Ps. 32:8; Ps. 33:18; Gen. 12: 4a; Eph. 6:10-19

Abraham went, not knowing where he was going. But he went, knowing that God had his future in His hands. That is how we are to go as well. There is no guarantee that when you go with God things will work out but you know that you are where He wants you. Difficulties come to us all but His presence secures you, He keeps you. And it's all good!

Dressing for the occasion is important. Most people don't go to a wedding in jeans. In talking about being team players and knowing our position we need to remember that we are part of God's army. There are different rankings and roles to fill. Sometimes we forget or maybe don't even realize the whole battle aspect of Christianity. We are a church, a family, children of God, even the Bride of Christ but this bride wears army boots. We are in a battle whether we like it or not, regardless of how we feel about it. We want to see the victory of God and we want the Holy Spirit to move in our lives and community and transforming it but we forget that it comes with a price. Every battle that has ever happened has had a cost to it; many times it is counted in casualties.

We are told to put on the **full** armour of God, from our heads right down to our feet. **v.15** Letting one part of the armour slip by could be fatal. Unfortunately there are some areas of God's requirements that we have deemed optional and we use our personalities as an excuse ie. to shy to witness. If God has called us to do something He will equip us for victory so we have nothing to fear. We have made it about comfort and style. Style won't bring victory on the battlefield. Victory is not about things going smooth. **Be ready!** Are we prepared for what God has laid down for us? The onus is on us to be ready, not the pastor, and not on God. It is our responsibility. If we are well prepared there is a confidence a readiness to go and do. It is more than a feeling; it's a passion, a zeal, a choice. **Rom. 12:11-13** we need to keep the fire that we had as new believers and not let it die. Where has the fire gone? Is the fire still burning? We can't blame the lack of it on circumstances. We choose to either accept defeat and let the fire die, or go for the fight and keep it burning hot. To keep it burning we need to be involved in the action, serving the Lord. Without minimizing anyone's situations, if the fire has burned down to just a few coals, it's because we've let it. God's promises don't necessarily make things easier, but they do make them bearable. We need to be there for each other to encourage and strengthen one another. Don't give up; keep pressing on. If something is worth saving it's worth risking it all. We need to take care of our feet, to keep them fit and ready with the gospel message. If we are not fuelling the fire with service for the King, if we are not constantly prepared, we will start to die spiritually. If our feet are well prepared and protected there is no need to worry about what we have to walk through. How can we share the hope that we have if we are reacting the same as the world to the places we have to walk? God is calling us to something that is so beyond ourselves that we can only go with His strength and preparation. We need to **be fit** and in shape. Readiness refers to speed and agility. A shoe that fits well enables us to manoeuvre quickly offensively as well as defensively. Ill-fitting shoes can cause us to stumble or fall. We will be unable to move out of the line of fire or to strike the enemy quickly. Too many Christians are easy targets for Satan because they are not prepared for battle. There is a confidence that comes from wearing the equipment that God gives us. **Be beautiful.** Share the good news with the world. **Is. 52:6-12** How beautiful are our feet? Do our friends see us coming, do they know what we are about? God goes before us and He has our back as well. The one who is involved in serving is the one walking in victory. We can't avoid the battle, we are equipped for it; it strengthens us and makes us better. Medals and high rankings come from battles fought and victories won. Our battles will not all be the same but we all must fight the good fight. We must be prepared for battle. How is your armour? What's on your feet? Make sure they are ready. Make sure they are fit. And make sure they are made beautiful by carrying the good news. Put on the full armour. Stir up the fire by serving and enjoy the victory.