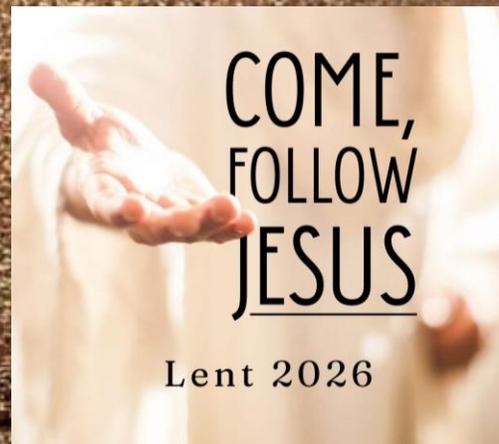


today's message

FOOTSTEPS

1 JOHN 2:1-11

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Footsteps by Joel Lasrado

Footsteps walking with me

Footsteps I cannot see

But every move I make and every step I take

I know they're there with me

They walk with me all the way

Beside me day by day

Through good and bad, through happy and sad

Those footsteps won't go away

1 John 2:1-11 NIV pg 1737

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2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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3 We know that we have come to know Him, if we keep his commands.

4 Whoever says, "I know Him," but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.

5 But if anyone obeys His word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in Him:

6 Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did.

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7 Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard.

8 Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

9 Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.

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10 Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble.

11 But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

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Are you making your own Footprints?

- Who's steps are you walking in
- We have Jesus as our advocate going before us
- Blending or Standing Up
- Isaiah 41:13

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,

'You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?'

The Lord replied,

'The times when you have seen only one set of footprints in the sand, is when I carried you.'

-Mary Stevenson

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I think that my life's been planned
By the one who's guiding me
When I'm led by the hand of someone I can't see
I'm not always sure where to go
That's when I follow His lead
I know that the pathway that He shows will help me to succeed

1 John 3:-6 NIV

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Are you leaving Footprints?

- Where are you/they going (the footprints)?
- Jesus has gone before us
- Grace
- 1 John 2:3

1 John 2:7-9 NIV

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Are you leading footprints to Jesus' Footprints?

- Reflect on your direction in life
- Stand firm with Jesus
- Follow Him
- Matthew 11:28-30

I'll never walk in life alone
There'll always be someone there
I know He won't let me down
He's with me everywhere
The special things in life I've done
Have been through Him and His love
I've been blessed in so many ways, thanks to the Lord above

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