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*In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit*

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## Footprints Prayer

One night I had a dream...

I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to me, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that many times along the path of my life, there was only one set of footprints.

I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in my life.

This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow You,

You would walk with me all the way;

but I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why in times when I needed you the most, you should leave me".

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you, and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering.

When you saw only one set of footprints, it was when I carried you."

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### Footprints in the Sand

## **We All Need a Little R&R**

And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest a while: for there were many coming and going and they had no leisure so much as to eat. Mark 6:31

In today's world we are a part of a fast-paced society. Great emphasis is placed on proper time management in order to be effective in the workplace. But even with the advancements in technology, people are busier than ever before. As a result, many suffer burnout.

During Jesus' earthly ministry, both He and His disciples worked hard ministering to people. Nowhere in the Bible do we see Jesus turning away anyone in need. Yet Jesus understood the need to withdraw from time to time to rest. Jesus cared about both the spiritual and physical needs of His disciples and He cares about ours.

Spiritual burnout is common among many called to full-time ministry. Sometimes the tasks at hand seem overwhelming and we can drive ourselves to physical exhaustion. When this happens, we not only suffer physically, but we become drained spiritually. It is at that time that we need to draw closer to our Lord and rest in Him. When we neglect time with the Lord we draw closer to the world and what it offers.

When one is at rest, mind, body and spirit are refreshed.

Follow Jesus' example: draw aside and rest.

**Father, Thank You for Times of Quiet Rest.**

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## God's Place

Luke 5:18-24 NKJ

<sup>18</sup> Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. <sup>19</sup> And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. <sup>20</sup> When He saw their faith, He said to him, *"Man, your sins are forgiven you."* <sup>21</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>22</sup> But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, *"Why are you reasoning in your hearts?"* <sup>23</sup> *"Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk?'"* <sup>24</sup> *"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."*

Just as the paralyzed man had faith to be healed, we have to have faith to know that the same God that helped this paralyzed man, is the same God that can provide the much needed money to build God's Place. God's Place is going to be a place filled with hope. Hope for the drug addicts that have lost everything, sometimes even their families, due to "getting the next fix"; hope for those alcoholics that just can't seem to get free of the bottle; hope for the homeless who feel like an outcast of society; hope for those who are temporarily homeless due to a job situation or illness that has drained them of finances; hope for the youth who feel they have only a prison or gang that will accept them; hope for those just released from prison or jail with little or no skills and no family support and of course hope for our veterans with their mental, physical and emotional problems.

Do we have faith that God has the power to build God's Place?

**Do you?**



**We need your knowledge, your prayers, office supplies, stamps  
and  
your financial support.**

You've lost interest in things you used to enjoy. You avoid being around people. You feel intensely sad, down on yourself or hopeless. You're irritable...with everyone.

### Could it be depression?

Everyone experiences sadness, irritability or low energy from time to time. But depression is different from these occasional feelings. If you have depression, it can be hard to do everyday activities and you may have problems with your relationships. You might focus on what's not going well in your life and have trouble seeing the positive. Perhaps you don't feel pleasure in the activities, people and things you used to enjoy.

Some experience depression because of the loss of someone close to them, like a loved one or a buddy. Others might feel depressed after finding out about a sickness, losing or changing jobs. When this sadness lasts for more than a few weeks or is seriously impacting your life, it may be a sign of depression.

Depression is a common problem that affects people in different ways. It not only affects your mood, but also affects your body, actions and thoughts. Depression can interfere with daily life and normal functioning. Depression can affect anyone young or old, men or women, all ethnic groups and all walks of life.

Have you experienced a  
*death of a friend or family member*  
*traumatic events such an auto accident*  
*injury, natural disaster*  
*physical or sexual abuse*  
*health problems or disabilities*  
*retirement*  
*transitioning to civilian life after military service*  
*relationship problems or divorce*  
*birth of a child*  
*changing jobs, difficult work situations or losing a job*  
*financial problems*

**Statistics says that every 13.3 minutes a person commits suicide.**

No matter what stressors you may experience or where the depression may have come from, it's important to seek help. There are effective treatments and resources for dealing with depression, but taking it to God is where you need to go first.

**Many people have died this year because satan has lied to them saying that their life is not worth living.**

**Our God loves us so much that He gave His only begotten Son to die for our sins.  
 He wants to love us and use us in a mighty way.  
 He can't use us if we kill ourselves!**

**IF YOU ARE GOING THROUGH DEPRESSION CALL ME! I WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU AND HELP YOU GET THE HELP YOU NEED.**

Ron Willis - 239-574-LOVE (5683)



Friends and Partners,

I pray that God, by His Spirit, may move us to do great things and seek Him as never before. I pray that we will grow in the supernatural faith of God where nothing is impossible, a faith that cannot be denied, a faith that believes God's word. We know that God rewards those that diligently seek Him.

I pray that we will answer God's high calling on our lives to serve Him as He wishes. I know we so often let the cares of this world blind our eyes, even though we know God has a greater plan for our future than we can imagine. If you have lost your hunger for God, if you do not have a cry for more of God, you are missing the boat! God wants to give us the vision of the prize ahead which is something higher than we can ever imagine.

God does not want us to reason things out, for carnal reasoning will always lead us to unbelief, but what He wants is for us to obey! I do not believe that what we have is lack of faith but instead we have too much unbelief. We need to feed on God's Word. We need it every day. We cannot enter into a life of faith without it. We know that faith comes by hearing and by hearing the Word of God.

We can dare to do anything if we know that we have the Word of God behind us. I pray that days of unbelief are over. All things are possible with God. A great revival needs to start now and never end until our Lord comes back. As we know, our Lord wishes none to parish.

We need so desperately to come into contact with the power of God. With a heart full of love we must put all we have in God's hands and never mind the consequences. We give ourselves to God who is in full charge of everything life has in store so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. It is no longer us that lives but Christ that lives in us.

We are to be witnesses to the truth! We are to be possessed by the Spirit of God! We are to rest no more on human plans, devices or energy, but to continuously look to God for His power, voice and thoughts. Our only choice is God's choice; our only desire and ambition is doing the will of God. The Bible says whosoever shall seek to save his life, shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose his life for God's sake, the same shall save it.

I pray that we will let God have His way at whatever cost. God wants to do so many marvelous things through us. We must not depend on our own human thoughts and activities or on our own personality. God took the headstrong Moses and modeled him into a leader of men. God wants to transform us in a like manner, but to do so God must come and reign supreme in our lives. All we have to do is give in and meet his conditions and God will fulfill His Word to us. Only God can bring life to the people we minister to! Will we allow God to do His work through us or will He have to use others?

Lord, I pray that You will bind us and help us to work in one accord with one mind, the mind of Christ.

In the Presence of our Lord,

*Ron Willis*

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**Who do we say Jesus is?**

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If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers.

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts and our cares.

We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others' needs.

As we pray for their physical, moral and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the BODY of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!