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APOSTOLIC FOOTPRINTS

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He has done so much for you already. Are you permitted to feel dissatisfied? I guess it depends on why? There is a very fine line between ungrateful discontentment with what the Lord has already provided and knowing that He has more for you. I am 100% convinced that the Bible teaches this, so you must be able to determine when you ought to feel satisfied—completely fulfilled, and when you ought to press into Yahweh for something more.

Distinguishing which attitude is appropriate at any moment has everything to do with God's plan for mankind, and for you personally—your specific purpose and dreams. To abide in the Lord, to immerse yourself completely in His will, means you must expand your imagination beyond human limitations. I like to think of it like this; if you can imagine it, then Yahweh has even more for you. Paul says, "Be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God, and glorify Him who is, with His power working in us, able to do immeasurably more than all we ask, think or imagine."

I like that! But, what does "immeasurably more" even mean? Are you supposed to let your imagination run wild—demand satisfaction for every desire? No, it always hinges on knowing God's will and His promises. It's worth repeating a thousand times! To your faith, first add virtue! If your first step forward in any decision or desire is not virtuous, seeking the Lord's heart, will, direction and approval, then your next step will always be into the abyss.

However, when you seek God's heart and hear His voice, and you willingly submit to His direction and approval, you are then free to be as bold as imaginable. Take down a giant, lay down with lions, strangle a bear, open an ocean, hold back a raging river, and occupy a mountain. Sometimes God wants you to take more land, occupy higher ground, maybe even seize more authority.

*However, once you are certain God is waiting on you, before He releases more, it's time to go boldly before His throne to ask for it, even at the risk of seeming dissatisfied. "Thank you Yahweh, what You've provided is amazing, but it's not complete; I'm certain there is more." Trust me, at times that is exactly what you ought to pray. However, following your bold request, it is critical you apply two safeguards. First, when Yahweh grants more, "**Take it!**" Even if you have to work for it, or it looks scary, or it looks impossible; take it because it's a guarantee. And secondly, when Yahweh grants more, take "**It!**" Stop asking; don't you dare request something different!*

PROPHETIC SEED:

*"So Joshua answered them, "**If you are a great people, then go up to the forest country and clear a place for yourself** there in the land of the Perizzites and the giants, since the mountains of Ephraim are too confined for you." But the children of Joseph said, "**The mountain country is not enough for us**; and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the*

valley have chariots of iron... **And Joshua spoke** to the house of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—saying, **“You are a great people and have great power; you shall not have only one lot, but the mountain country shall be yours.** Although it is wooded, **you shall cut it down**, and its farthest extent shall be yours; for **you shall drive out the Canaanites**, though they have iron chariots and are strong.”” Joshua 17:15-18 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

“A man’s heart plans his way, But **the Lord directs his steps.**” Proverbs 16:9 NKJV

“...**Take your sandals off your feet**, for the place where you stand is **holy ground.**” Exodus 3:5 NKJV

“He poured water into a basin and **began to wash the disciples’ feet...**” John 13:5 NKJV

“...**shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.**” Luke 9:5 NKJV

“And the God of peace **will crush Satan under your feet shortly...**” Romans 16:20 NKJV

GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN

1. I Want More!

A. Asking... for what was ALEADY promised...

(1) Reminder: Caleb “...*give me this mountain...*”

(a) Caleb reminds Joshua of what was promised to him...

1. “Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: **“You know the word which the Lord said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea.”** Joshua 14:6 NKJV

(b) I want it now. Caleb asks for what was promised!

1. “Now therefore, **give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day;** for you heard in that day **how the Anakim were there**, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said.”” Joshua 14:12 NKJV

(c) Caleb is given his inheritance (what was promised!)

1. “Now to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a share among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the Lord to Joshua, namely, **Kirjath [city of] Arba, which is Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak). Caleb drove out** the three sons of Anak from there: Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.” Joshua 15:13-14 NKJV

(2) Joshua’s Request— “*The city which he asked for...*”

(a) Fast forward to Joshua 19:49-50...

1. “When they had made an end of dividing the land as an inheritance according to their borders, the children of Israel **gave an inheritance among them to Joshua** the son of Nun. **According to the word of the Lord they gave him the city which he asked for**, Timnath Serah **in the mountains** of Ephraim; and he built the city and dwelt in it.” Joshua 19:49-50 NKJV

B. Boldly asking for more than was offered...

(1) Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

(a) Manasseh and Ephraim, **took their inheritance.**

1. "The separate cities for the children of Ephraim **were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh**, all the cities with their villages." Joshua 16:9 NKJV
2. "And they did not drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites to this day and have become forced laborers. {12} "Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities, but **the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land**. And it happened, **when the children of Israel grew strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.**" Joshua 17:10, 12-13 NKJV

(2) Ephraim and Manasseh want MORE!

(a) "Why have you given us only one lot..."

1. "Then the children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "**Why have you given us only one lot and one share to inherit, since we are a great people, inasmuch as the Lord has blessed us until now?**" Joshua 17:14 NKJV
2. "So Joshua answered them, "**If you are a great people, then go up to the forest country and clear a place for yourself** there in the land of the Perizzites and the **giants**, since the mountains of Ephraim are too confined for you." Joshua 17:15 NKJV
3. "But the children of Joseph said, "**The mountain country is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have **chariots of iron**, both those who are of Beth Shean and its towns and those who are of the Valley of Jezreel."** Joshua 17:16 NKJV
4. "**And Joshua spoke** to the house of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—saying, "**You are a great people and have great power; you shall not have only one lot, but the mountain country shall be yours**. Although it is wooded, **you shall cut it down**, and its farthest extent shall be yours; for **you shall drive out the Canaanites**, though they have iron chariots and are strong." Joshua 17:17-18 NKJV

C. Give and Take

(1) He is giving; are you taking?

(a) Are you faithful and obedient to Enter AND Possess?

1. "Let patience have its perfect work, that you may be **perfect and complete, lacking nothing**." James 1:4
2. "His divine power has **given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him..." II Peter 1:3 NKJV
3. "**God shall supply all your need** according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19
4. "If anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new**." II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV
5. "**I can do all things** through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 NKJV
6. "Having been **set free from sin**, you became **slaves of righteousness**. ...having been **set free from sin**, [you've] **become slaves of God**, you have your **fruit to holiness**..." Romans 6:18, 22

(b) Or, are you rejecting what God has offered?

1. "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' **and not do the things which I say?**" Luke 6:46 NKJV
2. "**The mountain country is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron**..." Joshua 17:16

D. Come Boldly—asking for MORE (when it’s appropriate)! “Give me this Mountain!”

(1) How to take more territory and seize more Authority...

(a) FIRST STEP: Seek what is on the Lord’s heart and what He has to say!

1. **“My sheep hear My voice**, and I know them, and they follow Me.” John 10:27 NKJV

2. **“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue**, to virtue knowledge,” II Peter 1:5 NKJV

(b) SECOND STEP: Seek what the Lord has placed on your heart!

1. **“Trust** in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. **Delight** yourself also in the Lord, And **He shall give you the desires of your heart**. **Commit** your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.” Psalms 37:3-5 NKJV

(c) THIRD STEP: Go to the Lord and ask for MORE boldly and with passion!

1. **“Let us therefore come boldly** to the **throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16 NKJV

2. The **effective, fervent prayer** of **a righteous man** avails much.” James 5:16 NKJV

(2) Sample Boldness (See God’s heart, your own heart, and then be bold!)

(a) Take down a giant...

1. **“So David prevailed over the Philistine** with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine **and killed him**. But there was **no sword in the hand of David**. Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, **took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him**, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.” I Samuel 17:50-51 NKJV

2. **“The wicked have drawn the sword** And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, **To slay those who are of upright conduct**. **Their sword shall enter their own heart**, And their bows shall be broken.” Psalms 37:14-15 NKJV

(b) Lay down with the lions...

1. **“Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths**, so that **they have not hurt me**, because **I was found innocent before Him**; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.”” Daniel 6:21-22 NKJV

(c) Strangle a bear...

1. **“But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep his father’s sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and struck it**, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. **Your servant has killed both lion and bear**; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.”” I Samuel 17:34-36 NKJV

(d) Open an ocean...

1. **“Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back** by a strong east wind all that night, **and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided**. So the children of Israel **went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground**, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.” Exodus 14:21-22 NKJV

(e) Hold back a raging river...

1. "So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, **and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water** (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), {16} **that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap** very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. **Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground** in the midst of the Jordan; and all **Israel crossed over on dry ground**, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan."
Joshua 3:14-17 NKJV

(3) Giants, lions, bears, oceans, rivers... and even MORE?

(a) I want stop the Sun!

1. "Then Joshua spoke to the Lord ...and he said in the sight of Israel: "**Sun, stand still** over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? **So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven**, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day." Joshua 10:12-13 NKJV

(b) Expect more...

1. "Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to **the power** that works in us," Ephesians 3:20 NKJV

(c) Know His will!

1. "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything **according to His will**, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that **we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.**" I John 5:14-15 NKJV

(d) All this...so what a small thing it is to... take the mountain and remove the Canaanites!

1. "But the children of Joseph said, "**The mountain country is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land** of the valley have **chariots of iron**, both those who are of Beth Shean and its towns and those who are of the Valley of Jezreel."" Joshua 17:16 NKJV

THE FOOT OF THE MATTER

2. Taking Holy Ground (It's the Heart of the Matter)

A. Holy Ground

(1) Take off your sandals...

(a) Moses—you are standing on Holy Ground!

1. "Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. **Take your sandals off your feet**, for the place where you stand is **holy ground.**" Exodus 3:5 NKJV

(b) Joshua—you are standing on Holy Ground!

1. "Then the Commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "**Take your sandal off your foot**, for **the place where you stand is holy.**" And Joshua did so." Joshua 5:15 NKJV

(2) Take off your sandals...

(a) Why? He wants to wash your feet!

1. "After that, He poured water into a basin and **began to wash the disciples' feet**, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded." John 13:5 NKJV
2. "*but as He who called you is holy, you also **be holy in all your conduct**, because it is written, "**Be holy, for I am holy.**"*" I Peter 1:15-16 NKJV

B. You are standing on holy ground! (Take off your sandals, so I can wash your feet...)

(1) Clean Feet

(a) Apostolic Footprints

1. "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. **After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.**" John 13:3-5 NKJV
2. "Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "**Lord, are You washing my feet?**" Jesus answered and said to him, "**What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.**" Peter said to Him, "**You shall never wash my feet!**" Jesus answered him, "**If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.**" Simon Peter said to Him, "**Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!**" Jesus said to him, "**He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.**" For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." John 13:6-11 NKJV
3. "So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "**Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. {14} If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.** For ***I have given you an example, that you should do** as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, **a servant is not greater than his master;** nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." John 13:12-17 NKJV
4. "Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.**" John 13:20 NKJV
5. "A new commandment I give to you, **that you love one another; as I have loved you**, that you also love one another. **By this all will know that you are My disciples**, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35 NKJV
6. You see: "**he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.**" John 13:20

(2) I have given you this as an example!

(a) Take off your sandals Moses—you are standing on Holy Ground!

1. "Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. **Take your sandals off your feet**, for the place where you stand is **holy ground.**" Exodus 3:5 NKJV

(b) Take off your sandals Joshua—you are standing on Holy Ground!

1. "Then the Commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, **"Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy."** And Joshua did so." Joshua 5:15 NKJV

(c) Take off your sandals disciple—Why?

1. "After that, He poured water into a basin and **began to wash the disciples' feet**, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded." John 13:5 NKJV

(3) Dusty feet!

(a) Apostolic Footprints (the sending out!)

1. **"And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet."** Matthew 10:14 NKJV

2. **"*he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.*"** John 13:20

(b) Mark specifically tells them to wear sandals....

1. **"but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics. Also He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. **And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them."** Mark 6:9-11NKJV**

2. "Take **your sandals off your feet**, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Exodus 3:5

(c) Luke adds some prophetic juice when we look back on his words from the Upper Room Discourse (John 13-17)

1. "And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, **shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony [like Mark says] against them.**" Luke 9:5 NKJV

2. "that you may **distinguish between holy and unholy**, and between unclean and clean, and **that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes** which the Lord has spoken to them by the hand of Moses." Leviticus 10:10-11 NKJV

(d) Luke reports what happened when the disciples returned with testimonies!

1. **"Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."** And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. {19} Behold, **I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.'" Luke 10:17-19 NKJV

2. "And the God of peace **will crush Satan under your feet shortly**. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen." Romans 16:20 NKJV

3. "A man's heart plans his way, But **the Lord directs his steps.**" Proverbs 16:9 NKJV

C. Taking what has already been promised

(1) **Every place the sole of your feet treads**

(a) Joshua was handed the reigns...

1. "Then He [**Moses**] **inaugurated Joshua** the son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and of good courage; for **you shall bring the children of Israel into the land** of which I swore to them, and I will be with you.'" Deuteronomy 31:23 NKJV

2. "After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that **the Lord spoke to Joshua** the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: "Moses My servant is dead. **Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan**, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel." Joshua 1:1-2 NKJV
3. "**Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you**, as I said to Moses." Joshua 1:3 NKJV
4. "Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the Lord my God. So Moses swore on that day, saying, "**Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance** and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.'" Joshua 14:8-9 NKJV

(2) The Precedent was set by Moses

(a) Excerpts from Deuteronomy 11:22-32

1. "For if you **carefully keep all these commandments**... — then the Lord will drive out all these nations ... and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves." Deuteronomy 11:22-23 NKJV
2. "**Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours**..." Deuteronomy 11:24 NKJV
3. "**No man shall be able to stand against you; ...the fear of you upon all the land where you tread**..." Deuteronomy 11:25 NKJV
4. "I set before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey ... and the curse, if you do not obey... **For you will cross over the Jordan and go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and you will possess it and dwell in it. And you shall be careful to observe all the statutes and judgments**..." Deuteronomy 11:26-32 NKJV

D. These feet will do the walking...right up to the mountaintop!

(1) Powerful Footsteps

(a) Crossing the Jordan

1. "...**as soon as the soles of the feet** of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, **that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off**, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap." Joshua 3:13 NKJV
2. "So it was, when ...**the feet of the priests** who bore the ark **dipped in the edge of the water** (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), that **the waters** which came down from upstream **stood still, and rose in a heap**... Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord **stood firm on dry ground** ...and **all Israel crossed over on dry ground**, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan." Joshua 3:14-17 NKJV

E. Beautiful Feet (those washed by Y'shua—standing on holy ground!)

(1) Beautiful Footsteps

(a) Feet that are willing to stand on the mountain!

1. "**How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news**, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7 NKJV

2. “And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: **“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”**” Romans 10:15 NKJV

(b) Take the mountain against God’s Enemies!

1. “God is jealous, **and the Lord avenges**; The Lord avenges and is furious. The Lord will take vengeance on His adversaries, And **He reserves wrath for His enemies**; The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And **will not at all acquit the wicked**. The Lord has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet... {14} The Lord has given a command concerning you: **“Your name shall be perpetuated no longer**. Out of the house of your gods I will cut off the carved image and the molded image. **I will dig your grave, For you are vile.” Behold, on the mountains The feet of him who brings good tidings, Who proclaims peace!** O Judah, keep your appointed feasts, Perform your vows. For the wicked one shall no more pass through you; He is utterly cut off.” Nahum 1:2-3, 14-15 NKJV

(c) Put on the whole armor of God (See Ephesians 6:10-20)

1. “...and having **shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace...**” Ephesians 6:15 NKJV

(2) Wise Footsteps (some practical walking advice)

(a) Ponder the path of your feet!

1. {18} **“But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.** The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble. My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you. Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you. {26} **Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.** Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.” Proverbs 4:18-27 NKJV
2. The **effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man** avails much.” James 5:16

(3) Foolish Footsteps

(a) About heeding evil counsel...

1. **“For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood.** Surely, in vain the net is spread In the sight of any bird; But they lie in wait for their own blood, They lurk secretly for their own lives. So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; **It takes away the life of its owners.**” Proverbs 1:16-19 NKJV

(b) About Immorality...

1. “My son, **pay attention to my wisdom**; Lend your ear to my understanding, That you may preserve discretion, And your lips may keep knowledge. For **the lips of an immoral woman** drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil; But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword. {5} **Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of hell.** Lest you ponder her path of life— Her ways are unstable; You do not know them. Therefore hear me now, my children, And do not depart from the words of my mouth. Remove your way far from her, And **do not go near the door of her house, Lest you give your honor to others, And your years to the cruel one; Lest aliens be filled with your wealth, And your labors go to the house of a foreigner;**” Proverbs 5:1-10 NKJV

(c) About perversity...

1. "A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth; {13} **He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers; Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord.** Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy." Proverbs 6:12-15 NKJV

(d) About things the Lord hates...

1. "These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an **abomination** to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, {18} A heart that devises wicked plans, **Feet that are swift in running to evil**, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren." Proverbs 6:16-19 NKJV

KINGS AND AMBASSADORS

3. An Ambassador's Footprint

A. Walking on Rough Terrain

(1) Crisis Management!

(a) The mountain is yours if you will take it!

1. "but **the mountain country shall be yours.** Although it is wooded, you shall cut it down, and its farthest extent shall be yours; for **you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots and are strong.**" Joshua 17:18 NKJV

(b) Preface: Why all the struggle?

1. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. **We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed**— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that **the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.** For we who live are always delivered to death **for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.** So then death is working in us, but life in you." II Corinthians 4:7-12 NKJV

(c) How does He manifest in us? Love God with radical obedience!

1. "**He who has My commandments and keeps them,** it is he who loves Me. **And he who loves Me** will be loved by My Father, and **I will love him and manifest Myself to him.**" ..."**Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?**" Jesus answered and said to him, "**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.**" John 14:21-23 NKJV
2. "A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another; as I have loved you,** that you also love one another. **By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**" John 13:34-35 NKJV

(d) What else can you do when you are hard-pressed on every side? Repent and Pray!

1. "**Confess your trespasses to one another,** and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The **effective, fervent prayer** of a righteous man **avails much.**" James 5:16 NKJV

B. A King's Footsteps

(1) OBJECT LESSON! (Excerpts from II Kings 19)

(b) Sennacherib's Threat

1. "...So he again sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying: 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be delivered? Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed...*[Sennacherib names names in his letter].*" II Kings 19:8-13 NKJV

(c) Hezekiah's Prayer

1. And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. *[first step after faith is virtue—to seek God's heart, will, direction and approval]* Then Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said: "O Lord God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, **You are God, You alone**, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, **O Lord, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God.** Truly, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands, and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them. **Now therefore, O Lord our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God, You alone.**" II Kings 19:14-19 NKJV

(d) Yahweh is Granting MORE!

1. "Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Because you have prayed *[because you asked for MORE]* to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, **I have heard.**' This is the word which the Lord has spoken concerning him: 'The virgin, the daughter of Zion, Has despised you, laughed you to scorn; The daughter of Jerusalem Has shaken her head behind your back! 'Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? Against whom have you raised your voice, And lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. *[by making Israel your enemy you have made Yahweh your enemy]* By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, And said: "By the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, To the limits of Lebanon; I will cut down its **tall cedars** And its choice cypress trees; I will enter the extremity of its borders, To its **fruitful forest.** I have dug and drunk strange water, And with the soles of my feet I have dried up All **the brooks** of defense." 'Did you not hear long ago How I made it, From ancient times that I formed it? Now I have brought it to pass, That you should be For crushing fortified cities into heaps of ruins. Therefore their inhabitants had little power; *[those past nations you defeated, I used you for that—in other words, they did not have Me, the only true God, to protect them!]* They were dismayed and confounded; They were as the grass of the field And the green herb, As the grass on the housetops And grain blighted before it is grown. 'But I know your dwelling place, Your going out and your coming in, And your rage against Me. *[but I am not like those other God that you can come against and get away with it!]* Because your rage against Me and your tumult Have come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back By the way which you came. *[I will turn you back to from where you came!]* 'This shall be a sign

to you [*Hezekiah—you will rise again and prosper*]: You shall eat this year such as grows of itself, And in the second year what springs from the same; Also in the third year sow and reap, Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah **Shall again take root downward, And bear fruit upward.** For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, And those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.’ **“Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the king of Assyria [*as for Sennacherib, he will not be able to get near Jerusalem*]: ‘He shall not come into this city, Nor shoot an arrow there, Nor come before it with shield, Nor build a siege mound against it. By the way that he came, By the same shall he return; And he shall not come into this city,’ Says the Lord. ‘**For I will defend this city, to save it For My own sake and for My servant David’s sake.**’ ””** II Kings 19:20-34 NKJV

(e) Take the MORE—Sennacherib’s Defeat and Death

1. **“And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.** So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, **returned home**, and remained at Nineveh. Now it came to pass, as he was **worshipping in the temple of Nisroch his god**, that **his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword** [*God used the enemy’s own sword to kill him! See Psalms 37:14-15*]; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.” II Kings 19:35-37 NKJV

C. An Ambassador’s Footsteps

(1) You are leaving your footprints on holy ground!

(a) Apostolic Footprints

1. “A man’s heart plans his way, **But the Lord directs** [*instructs*] **his steps.**” Proverbs 16:9
2. “These twelve **Jesus sent out** and commanded them [*instructed them*], saying...” Matthew 10:5

(b) Ambassador Footprints

1. **Authority:** “For I have **not spoken on My own authority**; but **the Father who sent Me** gave Me a command, **what I should say and what I should speak.**” John 12:49 NKJV
2. **Agenda:** “Jesus answered them and said, “**My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or **whether I speak on My own authority.**” John 7:16-17 NKJV
3. **Activity:** “Now then, we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though **God were pleading through us...**” II Corinthians 5:20
 - a) See: Ministers of Reconciliation ([A Relaxed Voice](#))

(c) Personal Footprints

1. **Your Space:** “Every place that **the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you**, as I said to Moses.” Joshua 1:3 (from Deuteronomy 11:24)
2. **Your Authority:** “Behold, **I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19 NKJV
3. **Your Responsibility:** “**Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth**, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may **impart grace to the hearers.**” Ephesians 4:29 NKJV

D. Apostolic Footprints

(1) Expect More Take More

(a) They wanted more...

1. "But the children of Joseph said, **"The mountain country is not enough** for us..." Joshua 17:16 NKJV

(b) Do you want more?

1. "to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; **that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that works in us," Ephesians 3:19-20 NKJV

(2) Looking Back and Looking Ahead

(a) Looking Back

1. **"How long will you neglect to go and possess the land** which the Lord God of your fathers has given you?"

Joshua 18:3 NKJV

(b) Looking Ahead

1. **"So the Lord gave to Israel all the land** of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they **took possession of it and dwelt in it. The Lord gave them rest all around**, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And **not a man of all their enemies stood against them**; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand. **Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.**" Joshua 21:43-45 NKJV

(c) The Question Remains...

1. "But **why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?**" Luke 6:46 NKJV

2. "A man's heart plans his way, But **the Lord directs his steps.**" Proverbs 16:9 NKJV