

Faithful Disciples

A close-up photograph of a person's feet walking on a sandy path. The person is wearing dark shorts and white socks with dark shoes. The sand is a warm, golden-brown color. A shadow of the person's feet is cast on the sand in front of them. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the path and some dark, leafy plants on the sides.

By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. - 1 John 2

Blessed to be a Blessing

Today:

Canada Day Weekend
Commissioning of Missions Team
Communion

Reminded of:

- God's Design to be seen through us
- Recognition of what God has granted
- Reflecting that to those around us

1. Design of God

- Set apart a people for Himself
- Bless them – to be a blessing to the whole world
- through them He would be seen, responded to
- Gen. 12:1-3 “Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

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- Gen 18:18 “seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?”

- Psalm 67 “May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!”

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- Jer. 29:7 “But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare”

- 2 Cor. 5:18-21 “All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

- God's plan – for you, not about you
 - disciples making disciples
- meant to be a river through you, not a dam stored up in your life
 - bearing fruit, blessing & serving
- from hospitality, to generosity, to serving and giving of ourselves sacrificially – meant to be a reflection of what God has done for us to others.

2. Recognize the Blessing

- Acts 17 – knew the time and place of your days

a) Canada Day

- recount the blessing of living here
- identify how we have been blessed

b) Missions Team

- partnering with those God sets apart
- encourage, walk with, pray for
- see God at work, support & encourage

c) Communion

- what God has done for each of us
- what the elements represent
- the realignment & resources for holy living

3. Responsibility to Reflect that

- Culture of this important
- Short video on how to practice it

a) Canada

- Let's pray for our nation

b) Commissioning

- invite the team
- Prayer and Commissioning
- Promise of Daily Prayer

c) Communion

- participation