



February 22 – Along the Way – Lent in Plain Sight: Shoes

Shoes are a good thing...even when we don't really want to wear them, shoes take us places we couldn't go otherwise. Most of us have more than one pair and we often have a favorite pair. Shoes are worthless though if we don't put them on and go places! So, today, put on your most comfortable pair of shoes and join the FAITH community in letting our shoes take us into places of service proving that anywhere can be holy ground!

Scripture:

Exodus 3:1-6 – NLT

One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. ³"This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." ⁴When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. ⁵"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. ⁶I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Mark 6:6b-13 NLT

Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people. ⁷And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits. ⁸He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick—no food, no traveler's bag, no money. ⁹He allowed them to wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes. ¹⁰"Wherever you go," he said, "stay in the same house until you leave town. ¹¹But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate." ¹²So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. ¹³And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.

Questions:

- Have you ever experienced holy ground in an unexpected place? Where was it? What made it holy? How did you respond?
- How many pairs of shoes do you own? What do you consider when you choose a pair to wear for the day or occasion?
- What mission and/or ministry are you involved in right now? What are the challenges? What are the joys? If you're not involved in serving others, what keeps you from this call?

Reading for the Week:

Monday: Isaiah 6:8

Tuesday: Matthew 28:19-20

Wednesday: Acts 1:8

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Friday: Matthew 5:16