

30 Days Together
“Immanuel – God With Us”
#30daystogether

Day #14 – Dec. 9

Text: Isaiah 52:5-11

“And now what do I have here?” declares the LORD. “For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock,” declares the LORD.

“And all day long My name is constantly blasphemed. Therefore My people will know My name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I.”

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD will lay bare His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing!

Come out from it and be pure, you who carry the articles of the LORD’s house.

Devotion: Karen McCarty

Who thinks feet are beautiful? Especially the tired and dirty feet of the people in biblical times, who traveled dusty roads and deserts in sandals or no shoes.

Who looks at someone's feet anyway? Well, in today's verse, maybe a stranger's feet is the FIRST thing a downcast person sees. A person without hope certainly does not hold her or his head high.

So what a joy to the exiled and defeated people of Judah to see the feet of a messenger bringing hope! To people who may have thought God abandoned them, what a joy to hear, "Your God reigns!" Salvation!

Then it struck me: How can you and I bring hope to the hopeless? How can we lift the eyes of the downcast — not just with words, but with deeds?

I saw the gratitude of needy people who received Immanuel's Thanksgiving Baskets recently. Perhaps that is one of the ways we can reach out to people. What ways can you think of that will provide meaningful, hope-filled connections to Jesus?

Closing Prayer: Lord, help me to get on my feet and spread your good news to a world that desperately needs hope. Amen.