

Call of Duty Pt 6 “Feet Shod with the Gospel of Peace”

CENTRAL PASSAGE: Ephesians 6:14-15

CENTRAL QUESTION: How do we properly equip ourselves with spiritual footwear to stand firm against the enemy?

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER SPIRITUAL FOOTWEAR

Key Scripture: Ephesians 6:15 - "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

Historical Context: Roman soldiers wore specialized sandals with nails/spikes for:

- Sure footing in battle
- Stability when shields locked together
- Protection from enemy traps (stakes and spikes)

Key Insight: If you can't stand, you can't fight. If you can't walk, you can't march into battle.

II. WHAT THE SHOES REPRESENT

A. READINESS AND STABILITY

- Like the parable of the ten virgins - always prepared
- Spiritual "cleats" that keep us from slipping
- Foundation that holds firm under attack

Biblical Pattern: Soldiers marched for days - their feet were critical to their effectiveness

B. PROTECTION AGAINST SPIRITUAL ATTACKS

Each "spike" in our spiritual shoes represents:

- Reading the Word of God

- Prayer and fasting
- Faithful church attendance
- Bible study and life groups
- Godly friendships that draw us closer to God

Warning: Separating yourself from fellowship puts you on a slippery slope

III. THE GOSPEL OF PEACE (WHAT WE'RE STANDING ON)

A. SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

The Message:

- God sent His Son to save the world (John 3:16)
- Jesus can change anyone's life, regardless of background
- No matter how many times you've failed, get up and keep going
- God has never let us down

The Challenge: How many people have you witnessed to this week?

B. LIVING WITH INNER PEACE

- Peace comes from the good news of Christ's resurrection
- Peace from knowing you have courage to face anything
- Peace through being rooted and grounded in God's Word

Reality Check: Does your face show the good news you profess?

IV. HOW TO PUT ON THE SHOES (PRACTICAL APPLICATION)

METHOD #1: LIVE THE GOSPEL

- Don't just talk about it - live it out daily
- Constantly remind yourself of gospel truth
- Go by what the Word says, not what you feel

METHOD #2: LIVE IN FORGIVENESS

Key Scripture: Forgive 70 times 7 (490 times a day)

- Live in the forgiveness Christ gives you
- Extend forgiveness to others
- Share the forgiveness you've received

METHOD #3: TRUST GOD COMPLETELY

Key Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path."

V. THE DANGER OF SPIRITUAL "SLICK ROADS"

WARNING SIGNS:

- Trying to stand on spiritual "bald tires" (unprepared faith)
- Running on empty (no prayer life, no Word)
- Avoiding church until "conditions are perfect"

The Truth: When things are bad, you can still praise Him. When the world comes against you, you can still stand firm.

VI. STANDING FIRM IN BATTLE

Key Points:

1. **We need something to stand ON** - The Word of God is our foundation
2. **We need to be grounded** - In salvation, prayer, and the Spirit
3. **We need to keep moving forward** - Spreading the good news no matter what

Call of Duty: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" - even when circumstances are difficult

KEY TAKEAWAY:

Having your "feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" means:

- *Being ready - spiritually prepared at all times*
 - *Standing firm - grounded in God's Word and truth*
 - *Spreading peace - sharing the good news wherever you go*
 - *Staying stable - not slipping when trials come*
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FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- Are you spiritually "sure-footed" or walking on slippery slopes?
- Who are you surrounding yourself with - people who draw you toward God or away from Him?
- How many people have you shared the gospel with recently?
- What areas of your spiritual life need "new tires"?

Scripture References for Further Study: Ephesians 6:10-18 | Proverbs 3:5-6 | John 3:16 | Psalm 139 | Hebrews 10:25