

whatever God things

THINK ON THESE THINGS..... (our contributor this morning is Tony Wilson)

Reading: Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Reflection:

It was lovely to hear 'Footprints' read recently at our of our YouTube Sunday services. Many years ago, when I was going through a difficult time, a friend gave me a small card with **the** words of 'Footprints' printed on it I've kept that card at the back of my wallet ever since. So it's rather a favourite of mine.

'Footprints' is about a person who had a dream in which they were walking along a beach and saw scenes from their life in which there were mostly two sets of footprints in the sand, one for the person, and one for God walking with them. However, the person noticed that in the worst times of their life, there was only one set. This really bothered them. So, our dreamer questioned God about it. The answer was 'My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your limes of trial and suffering, when you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.'

This year has been a very strange one so far, and it looks as though it will remain that way for its last few months. As we look back at it, there will be limes when we can see only one set of footprints in the sand. We must not lose our faith when we see that. For it means that at those times God was carrying us, giving us hope, strength, courage and support during troubled times.

Breath-Prayer:

Most merciful God, we pray for all those who doubt your love, for those who find it difficult to pray, and for those who have lost the faith they once had. Give courage to all who wrestle with their uncertainties and uphold all people with your loving spirit. Finally we pray that the troubles of this time may be turned into an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of love and service between people and nations. Amen.