

*Welcome*



**Sunday 10:30am & 6pm**

*Coffee & Donuts Fellowship before Sunday Morning Service  
Sunday Services Streamed Live*

**Wednesday 6pm**



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### Men's Breakfast & Women's Meeting Thank You!



Thank you to those that cooked, brought and attended. May we all grow in fellowship, discipleship, faith, strength, and truth with our Lord & Saviour.

## Congratulations Junior Daniels on Graduation!



**Church Lunch** after the morning service – NEXT Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>. We'll celebrate April & May birthdays. May 24<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day Weekend.



Heather (12<sup>th</sup>)

### HE CHANGED US—BILLY GRAHAM DEVOTION

*... that I may open my mouth boldly,  
to make known the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:19*

The word “mystery” means beyond human knowledge or understanding. God’s mysteries baffle the unbelieving, but bless the believer. The mystery of righteousness, like some of the other great mysteries of God, we cannot comprehend, but we know it works. We stand amazed at this great mystery which enables God to change the human heart, its attitudes, its desires, and its nature.

God, a holy God, who loves righteousness and hates wickedness, through a process of redemption has refashioned us in the image of Himself. How marvelous! For generations He has been applying His righteousness to the hearts of men. Even in our time, with its complexities of living, God is in the business of changing men and women by the mystery of righteousness.

*Prayer:* Give me Your boldness to tell others the secret of eternal joy in Jesus Christ.

### THE BAREFOOT PRESENCE OF GOD

*Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet,  
for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Exodus 3:5*

Moses was not on a mountaintop when God found him. He was on the backside of the desert, tending sheep in obscurity. Yet the Scripture says he came to the mountain of God, even there. That is the mystery of God’s ways. He

often leads us through dry and hidden places, not to abandon us, but to prepare us. In that wilderness, Moses saw a bush burning, but it was not consumed. God was revealing something powerful. You can burn on for Him without burning out. When His fire fills your life, it does not destroy you; it sustains you.

When Moses turned aside to see the burning bush, God spoke. That turning matters. Many pass by holy moments because they never pause to look. But when Moses gave his attention, God called his name and said, "Take off your shoes." This was more than a command; it was an invitation into the barefoot presence of God. To stand barefoot meant to recognize holiness, remove barriers, and come humbly before Him. It was a call to awareness that where God is, everything changes.

There are three meanings to going barefoot in the presence of God:

First, it speaks of surrender. Moses had once run from his calling after killing the Egyptian. Now God was saying, turn in your running gear. You are not going to run from My purpose anymore. In the same way, the prodigal son returned home barefoot, a sign that his wandering was over. Many people still run from what God is asking, but the presence of God requires surrender. You cannot carry His presence while running from His will. You have to lay it down and say, I am here to stay.

Second, going barefoot speaks of sensitivity. When your feet are uncovered, you become careful where you step. God desires that same tenderness in our walk with Him. In the Old Testament, priests were anointed on their feet, symbolizing a consecrated walk. The oil would run down and leave footprints behind them. That is the kind of life we are called to live, one that leaves evidence of His presence everywhere we go. To walk barefoot before God is to live aware, careful, and set apart.

Third, going barefoot speaks of servanthood. In Bible times, slaves did not wear shoes. Removing sandals was a sign of ownership and surrender of rights. When God told Moses to take off his shoes, He was saying, you belong to Me. When Moses later faced Pharaoh, he did not ask for an army or resources. What he needed was the presence of God. Because when you have His presence, you have His power, His protection, and His provision. Everything you need is found there. The call today is simple but costly. Take off your shoes. Lay down your independence. Stop running. And step into the barefoot presence of God, where His fire fills you, and His presence leads you.

*Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Israel. Ruth 4:7*

The Bible shows us that in covenant, shoes represented rights. When a man removed his shoe and gave it to another, he was surrendering authority, releasing ownership, and transferring responsibility. In the story of Ruth, the next of kin took off his shoe and gave it to Boaz, signifying that he was releasing his right to redeem her. Boaz then stepped into that place as the kinsman redeemer. This is the language of covenant: when the shoe comes off, surrender begins.

When you get your shoes off, God steps in them. What Moses could not do in his own strength, God did when he stepped into his life. When Moses lifted that staff over the Red Sea, the impossible opened. When that same rod was lifted, plagues struck Egypt, and deliverance came to Israel. God took what was in Moses' past. He took the forty years of shepherding in the desert and turned it into a tool of deliverance. The very thing shaped in obscurity became the instrument of freedom. God never wastes your past. He redeems it for His purpose.

God asked Moses, "What is that in your hand?" It was just a staff, but in God's hands it became a miracle. That is what happens when you surrender your shoes. Your past, your pain, your broken seasons, and even your wilderness can yield something powerful. God steps into it and uses it for His glory. The enemy meant it for bondage, but God turns it into breakthrough. You can praise Him even for the dark days, because nothing He allows is wasted in His plan.

This is the power of covenant. Joshua was told that every place the sole of his foot would tread, God would give him. Not the shoe, but the foot. And again in Joshua 14:9, Caleb declares that the land he walked on would become his inheritance. The promise was connected to surrender and movement in God's direction. When you are barefoot in obedience, wherever you stand becomes holy ground and promised ground.

This is the call today: take off your shoes. Stop trying to control what only God can redeem. Let Him step into your past, your weakness, and your future. Because when you surrender your rights, God steps into your place and what you could never do alone, He does through you.

*Prayer:* Lord, teach me to live barefoot before You in surrender, sensitivity, and servanthood. I lay down my running and give You every part of my life. Make my heart tender to Your voice and my steps careful in Your will. Let my life carry the evidence of Your presence wherever I go. I surrender my rights, my past, and my control to You. Step into every area of my life and redeem what I could never fix on my own. Use my story for Your glory and lead me in full obedience to Your will. Amen.

*The perfect church service would be one we were unaware of.*

*Our attention would have been on God.*

*C.S. Lewis*

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