We Are Feet Not Shoes

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INTRODUCTION

- We are feet. We are eyes. We are hands. We are ears. We're not shoes. We're not gloves or mittens. We're not glasses. we are not accessories.
- We are intimately attached to the church. We can't be removed. We can't be replaced.
- Have I begun treating the body like I am an accessory, like I don't really matter? Or have I even treated the church like it's something that I accessorize myself to?

1 You Belong

1 Corinthians 12:12–14; Hebrews 3; Galatians 6:1–2

- For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body. So it is with Christ.
- For in one spirit we were all baptized into one body, Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all were made to drink of one spirit.
- There is no such thing as a member at large.
- Our membership is meant to be lived through very real intimate relationships with one another.
- I need Christians who know me. Christians who know me well enough to recognize whenever I'm drifting.
- My relationship with Christ places me in a relationship with his people.

2 You Matter

1 Corinthians 12:15–21; Hebrews 13:17

- If the foot should say because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body, that would not make it any less a part of the body.
- But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.
- How I view myself doesn't change the fact that I am needed in this design that God has orchestrated.
- Some of the most essential parts of our bodies are the ones we hardly ever notice or maybe live our life never ever hearing about. Yet God saw it fit to include it in the body.
- Am I more concerned about the part I get to play, or am I concerned more so about the health of the body that I'm a part of?
- No member possesses every ability, no member performs every function. There is no one who can do this alone.

3 Be Present

Hebrews 10:24–25

- Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another in all the more as you see the day drawing nearer.
- How can I stir up people around me with this contribution of love?
- To say that there's nothing that I can do for the welfare of the church is to say that I am incapable of showing love, which the New Testament says is vital to our faith.
- What would happen to this church if everyone followed your example?
- We assemble to worship God. We give God our praise and adoration and magnify his name. We're here also to encourage people who need us.
- Have I begun treating the assembly as something that I attend whenever it's convenient for me rather than a responsibility that I share with my brothers and my sisters.

THE CHALLENGE

Examine your responsibility. Consider what you're capable of when it comes to assembling together and be present and get involved. Embrace your importance.

MY NOTES