

Hopeful Faith



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... in God

... with Others

... for Life



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Philosophy

- being vs doing
- identity vs behaviour
- who I am vs what I do
- as Christian-who is God? vs what does He do?
- doing flows from who He is > character emphasis
- who am I and what do I do?
- doing flows from being
- what flows from why



Grammar

- verb moods- subjunctive, infinitive, indicative, imperative
- moods reflect the attitude of the speaker
- indicative- mood of certainty and actuality- way things are

“Dena Gartner **is** a fine person.”



- imperative- mood of request/command
- what we should do

“You **should take** Dena out for an expensive dinner.”

- Bible- this is who God is and who we are > do
- indicative always precedes imperative
- beware of turning biblical indicatives into imperatives (ie supposed to work on beatitudes or fruit of spirit)



Reflective Reading

Watch for:

1. Totally unlike last two Sundays- Chapters 1-3- who God is and who we are; now we **do!**
2. Imperative (do this) linked closely with indicative (who God is and who we are)
3. Christian life is ordinary- not spectacular- always in relationship to others.



Prepare. Concentrate. Listen. Reflect.

Eyes closed > Absorbing or Open > Reading



Butt Prints In The Sand

One night I had a wondrous dream,
One set of footprints there was seen,
The footprints of my precious Lord,
But mine were not along the shore.

But then some stranger prints appeared,
And I asked the Lord, "What have we here?"
Those prints are large and round and neat,
"But Lord they are too big for feet."

“My child,” He said in somber tones,
“For miles I carried you alone.
I challenged you to walk in faith,
But you refused and made me wait.”

"You disobeyed, you would not grow,
The walk of faith, you would not know.
So I got tired, I got fed up,
and there I dropped you on your butt."

"Because in life, there comes a time,
when one must fight, and one must climb.
When one must rise and take a stand,
or leave their butt prints in the sand."

Implications

- You?
- Our lives, how we read Bible, sing and preach at church?
50% focus on who God is and who we are; 50% on what He has done and what we should do > hopeful
- Christian activism needs the adjective and the noun; when you have a God related why > more hope
- Don't identity as Christian? not about what you do or what we do; why behind the what > inspires hope

