Title: Footprints in the Sand

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## Isaiah 53:4-5 / King James Version (KJV)

<sup>4</sup> Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

We can recognize Christ's footsteps in the sand if we walk with him faithfully. We will start to recognize his steps.

## 1. The people:

a. A particular people. We tend to pretend that we are somewhere else or that we are on vacation. We need to move to the "beach" permanently (Titus 2:14). We should come to the realization that God is taking care of us. God was with Mary and Martha during Lazarus' death. He was with the disciples in the middle of the storm. In the middle of the storm, Christ knew what was happening and what would happen next. He went out anyway, even when he knew what would happen. He cared enough about us to go out anyway.

## 2. A promise was affirmed:

a. (II Corinthians 12:9) We have to come to the realization that Christ can do better than we can. God created us and he knows us better than we do. Sometimes we need to give up. We are still children of God, and sometimes we still need to be carried (Isaiah 46:4). In this verse, it gives us God's promise that he will be with us until the end of our days. Despite our emotions, God still stays with us no matter what.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.