

HUMBLED BY WALKING WHERE JESUS WALKED

Scripture: Matthew 5: 38-42

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In verse 41, we read about being humble and obedient. About 44 years ago while I was preparing for my first trip to the Holy Land, I imagined the places where I would experience a “spiritual high.” The places that I imagined were in Bethlehem, at the Sea of Galilee, or at the place of Calvary, however, my greatest spiritual experience came in the sub-basement of a small convent.

As our group toured in silence the area of The Pavement of the Antonia Fortress, I was profoundly moved and changed. We walked reverently along the stone floor in the area where Jesus’ trial had taken place. I was able to bend down and touch the markings of the Roman soldiers gambling games. This was the area where my Lord had been flogged, beaten, spit on, and mocked for me! I was overwhelmed with the realization that He took this undeserved treatment in my place...the sacrificial lamb was going more than “the one mile.”

During Jesus’ earthly ministry, He taught His followers what to do when suffering undeserved, ill treatment. Jesus’ way demonstrates to us how we should face life with the eyes of faith and obedience. In Ephesians 1:3, we are reminded that we are equipped for spiritual warfare and delivered from the powers of darkness. This knowledge should affect our behavior in ways that correspond with our inner Christ-led life.

Prayer: Almighty God, thank you for giving so much for me. Through Your Holy Spirit fill me with strength to live a joyful, humble, and obedient life and to always shine Your light to others. Amen.

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