Me and My Shadow

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INTRODUCTION

- Do you read your Bibles on a daily basis? Not in preparation for a Bible class or trying to prove a point, but to just read.
- So the context and those other precedents seem to establish that it was very well possible that just the touch of Peter's shadow was enough to heal those people.
- One thing we know is that Peter did cast a shadow as he walked about. We also know that people were blessed or felt they had the blessing, who were touched by his shadow.

1 We All Cast a Shadow

Matthew 5:13–16; 1 Peter 3:1–2

- The question of the hour is, will people be blessed by your shadow? Will they be blessed by your influence in their life?
- Each and every individual in here, youngest to the oldest, is having some kind of impact on other people's lives.
- Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- It doesn't matter whether you want to be an influence, whether you want to cast a shadow or not, you are. And so Jesus said, if you're going to do it, make it a good one.
- That even if some do not obey the word, they without a word may be won by the conduct of their wives.
- There is nothing in this digital age, nor in any digital age to follow, that will ever take the place of being there with somebody.

2 We May Have No Idea Who Our Shadow Is Touching

1 Thessalonians 1:7–8

- Like Peter, we may have no idea who our shadow may be touching. Now that's one of those good news, bad news things, isn't it?
- So that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth.
- See, they had no idea the influence that they were having, the example that they were setting throughout all of the first century.
- It's humbling to think, isn't it? That you have no idea who your shadow is touching.
- Nothing, just a mundane conversation. But it meant enough to him that he made his life right with the Lord and he wanted me to know about it.

3 We Can Cast a Good Shadow or a Bad Shadow

Matthew 18; Philippians 2:15; Galatians 2

- Sometimes we can cast that good shadow. But all too often we may be guilty of casting a bad shadow.
- He could have a leavening effect, an influencing effect upon others, that his bad shadow could cause others to sin.
- That you may become blameless and harmless children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation among whom you shine as lights in the world.
- The more wicked this world becomes, the brighter your light will shine.
- What a powerful shadow he cast on that occasion of influencing his Jewish brethren, that Gentiles were now welcomed and included into the body of Christ.
- Even Barnabas was pulled away by the shadow of Peter. And Paul had to confront him to his face.

THE CHALLENGE

Because you are a light. You are salt. People are being touched by your shadow. Are you casting a good shadow or a bad one?

MY NOTES