Me and My Shadow

Ken Chapman · Acts 5:12–16

INTRODUCTION

- They brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by fall on some of them.
- Peter maybe had no idea who was touched by his shadow.
- The scriptures give us confidence that we can bless people by our shadow, by our influence.

1 Like Peter, We All Cast a Shadow

Matthew 5:13–16

- Like Peter, we all cast the shadow. And sometimes a very long shadow.
- You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- Have you ever noticed that Jesus didn't say, be a light? He said, You are a light. And so be a good one.
- His admonition was not go out and be a light, but to go out and be a good light.

2 Our Shadows Can Bless Others

1 Peter 3:1; Hebrews 10:24–25

- Your shadow can do something more powerful than even healing someone of their physical ailments.
- Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that if even some do not obey the word, they without a word may be won by the conduct of their wives.
- This same Peter is saying, wives, you can cause a soul to be saved by your shadow.
- He's saying you need to be together so close that your shadows will touch one another.
- There is never going to be a substitute for being in close proximity to someone so that our shadow might touch them.

3 We May Have No Idea Who Our Shadow Touches

1 Thessalonians 1:6–8; Hebrews 11:4

- Like Peter, we need to recognize that we may have no idea who may be touched by our shadow.
- You became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.
- I imagine that's closer to the reality that they had no idea how far their shadow had spread.
- You think Abel knew his shadow would last centuries? And it would speak far beyond his death? No. He had no idea.
- Ken, I want you to know that when you approached me that day in the restaurant, I had been away from the Lord for years.
- You have no idea what they're going through in their lives. And you have no idea how you may affect their lives.

4 Sometimes a Good Shadow, Sometimes a Bad Shadow

Acts 11; Galatians 2:11–13; Philippians 2:15

- Sometimes we may cast a good shadow. But sometimes it may be a bad shadow.
- Peter, because of the big shadow that he cast, was perfectly handpicked to be the one to preach the first gospel sermon to the Gentiles.
- Paul was so disturbed because of the shadow that Peter was casting.
- Jesus was saying, don't cast a bad shadow. Because it might cost someone their soul.
- The darker this world gets, the brighter our light can shine so that they may see our good works.
- You can cast a good shadow. But if we're not careful, we'll cast a bad one.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **That as you're walking down the street every day of your life, that you're casting a shadow. Sometimes a long one. And you may have no idea who's being touched by that shadow. Be a blessing to someone today. Be a good shadow.**

MY NOTES