

Letter 716

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From Stumbling Shoes To Combat Boots

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Dear **Jesus**,

Thursday, 4 October 2018, 2AM.

Periodically I need to buy new shoes. I keep a dedicated pair at (G6) for work, and then I have another pair or two to wear on the street.

Since becoming injured, I found it much easier to wear slip-on shoes that I don't need to lace up or tie. I discovered that the Skechers Company provided just such shoes which I liked.

So it came about, not long after my spine surgery in June/July of 2016, that I wanted to get a new pair of slip-on street shoes.

I shopped around, then in November of 2016 ordered a pair of Skechers slip-ons from Amazon.

But after I wore them for a while, I discovered a strange anomaly. It seemed that the soles were very sticky, and as I would walk along the hallway at (G6) after work to leave for home, one or the other of my soles would "catch" on the vinyl tile floor in the hallway, causing my leg to almost jump up, which startled me and caused me to stumble.

This happened with so much repetition that it became necessary for me to find different shoes.

Part of the problem is my own feet. My left foot is partially paralyzed, and so I have "foot-drop". My right foot has a similar condition, but not as bad.

As I was analyzing this problem before the Lord and wondering that His solution was, I remembered a conversation I had with my youngest brother. He had been visiting me earlier and we were talking about motorcycle boots. He said he knew about a brand which had side zippers, making them easy to put on and take off.

Armed with this memory, I went shopping online, and found what looked like a good pair of boots at Amazon.

And, they were sold by a company which I had purchased from before, L. A. Police Gear. The style of the boot is called 5.11 A.T.A.C. 6" Side Zip Boot.

I placed my order on 27 April 2017. After getting them and wearing them daily, I haven't stumbled once. Not in the hallway at work, nor any place else. This is also a message from the Lord Holy Spirit.

**The Book of Jude
Chapter 1
Verses 24 and 25**

Now to **Him who is able to keep you from stumbling**,
And to present you faultless
Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,
To God our Savior,
Who alone is wise,
Be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power,
Both now and forever.
Amen.

The 6" uppers on the boots also give both of my feet and ankles some additional stability and support.

Not long after I got the boots in the mail and started to wear them, the Lord pointed out the numbers - "5.11", and I knew He had a message for me to find. Here is what I discovered at His leading.

**The Book of Psalms
Chapter 5
(Verses 1 Through 12)
*To the Chief Musician. With flutes. A Psalm of David.***

Give ear to my words, O Lord,
Consider my meditation.

Give heed to the voice of my cry,
My King and my God,

For to You I will pray.
My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord;
In the morning I will direct it to You,
And I will look up.

For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness,
Nor shall evil dwell with You.

The boastful shall not stand in Your sight;
You hate all workers of iniquity.

You shall destroy those who speak falsehood;

The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies;
Make Your way straight before my face.

For there is no faithfulness in their mouth;
Their inward part is destruction;
Their throat is an open tomb;
They flatter with their tongue.

Pronounce them guilty, O God!
Let them fall by their own counsels;
Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions,
For they have rebelled against You.

But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;
Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them;
Let those also who love Your name
Be joyful in You.

For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous;
With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

The Book of Psalms

Chapter 11

(Verses 1 Through 7)

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

In the Lord I put my trust;
How can you say to my soul,
“Flee as a bird to your mountain”?

For look! The wicked bend their bow,
They make ready their arrow on the string,
That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart.

If the foundations are destroyed,
What can the righteous do?

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord's throne is in heaven;
His eyes behold,

His eyelids test the sons of men.

The Lord tests the righteous,
But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.

Upon the wicked He will rain coals;
Fire and brimstone and a burning wind
Shall be the portion of their cup.

For the Lord is righteous,
He loves righteousness;
His countenance beholds the upright.

When I received what I now call the 5.11 Combat Boots, it signified how the Lord would apply the Gospel in the future, both in me and to those I touch.

And Psalms 5 and 11? It is these two Scriptures which become a firm, unshakeable Foundation upon which I now stand, and from which we fight.

Thank You Jesus for Your Spirit, Your Word and Your Provision.

Amen.

Blessings...

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