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## Wipe Off the Dust

*"Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near." -Luke 10:11*

"Tasing of Biracial Florida teen sparks outrage." This was a headline in the news as I write this article. But it was one of many filled with that popular word - outrage.

Outrage seems to be the National sport these days.

It is easy to understand when a non-believer is outraged. When you have no higher ultimate authority, it is hard to know what to do when you feel you have been wronged. But the believer can, and should, rest in the confidence that God is just, and He will ultimately bring justice.

Now the teen in question in the article, according to his own mother, had a history of "being defiant with law enforcement a bit." So it might be hard for some of us to get too outraged anyway. But in our world, there are plenty of reasons for outrage. Most of them make the news – and the news media also manufactures a few reasons for outrage when the "news day" is a little slow. It is not in the interests of the News Media to have people getting along in harmony and peace. Outrage sells news stories, news stories sell commercials, and commercials bring in money.

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But for the Christian, a different response is modeled by Christ and His disciples. Being outraged because people have rejected the message of the Bible is not the pattern Jesus taught His 72 disciples in Luke 10.

Now, to be clear, we are not commanded to always behave that way. There are legal remedies and other options available in our society, and I think the godly believer today may use every tool to make sure the Word of God gets a fair hearing. But as we are learning, there are many people in America today for whom the message of the gospel, even fairly heard, is repulsive.

So what does it mean to wipe the dust off our feet?

1. It means we leave justice and revenge to the Almighty.
2. It means we cease efforts to attempt to persuade or preach to that person or group.
3. It means, as Jesus did in Luke 9, that we "go on to another village."
4. It means that those who reject the message will have been "near the kingdom" but never quite a part of it. They will literally have "missed it by that much."

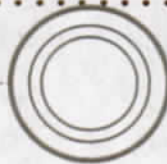
In the third point, when a Samaritan village did not receive Jesus because "His face was set toward Jerusalem," Jesus' disciples James and John wanted to tell fire to come down from heaven. Now Jesus, as God Himself, had every moral right to take vengeance into His own hands at that moment, but He wanted to set an example for us. So we see Him rebuke James and John, and go on to another village.

At TFC, when we preach the Bible, we know some will not receive what the Word of God says. It is not our job to attack those who reject our message, or to call fire down from heaven upon them. It is our job to "go on to another village." That means we keep searching for the people who will receive the message of the gospel with joy.

That takes away the fun of being outraged, but also minimizes wasted effort spent preaching to people who don't want to hear what the Word of God has to say. If nothing else, for the sake of efficiency, believers today need to learn to wipe off the dust.

*Jim Cicchese*

# What's Happening.....This Month at TFC



## TFC Camp 2021



TFC Camp week is a time to connect with God and friends and is always a blast. From group games like Mission Impossible, Ultimate Frisbee, and Bible Quizzing, to inspiring testimonies, challenging messages, and powerful worship, TFC Camp could very well be the best week of your summer!

This summer we will be at Living Word Bible Camp in Grand Rapids, MN. Activities and games at Living Word Bible Camp include lakeside activities, a fantastic game room that includes ping-pong, foosball, air hockey, and carpetball, in addition to a large sports field.

For more information or to register, go to [www.teens4christ.com](http://www.teens4christ.com)!

## 2021 Golf Tournament

We are looking forward to hosting our 20th annual Charity Golf Tournament this month on Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 at Kilkarney Hills Golf Course in River Falls, WI!

This year the funds raised by the tournament will go toward replacing our aging Chevrolet 15 passenger van. **We recently received a \$10,000 matching gift toward that goal, and so far we have raised over half! So if you send your gift now it will be doubled!**

This tournament not only serves as a fundraiser for TFC, but it also provides a fun opportunity for golfers of all skills to get together and enjoy the greens (along with a delicious meal and plenty of prizes!).

For more info contact Jim Cicchese at 715-338-1290 or register now at [teens4christ.com](http://teens4christ.com).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### — JULY —

Serve Trip.....5th-10th  
Golf Tournament.....13th  
Guys' Retreat.....23rd-25th

## LOOKING AHEAD...

### — AUGUST —

TFC Camp.....9th-14th

## Library Help Needed



We are organizing our library and could use your help!

We are currently looking for volunteers who like books and would be comfortable entering data into a web browser (or learning how to!). Our goal is to put together a searchable online catalog of the books we have available for staff or students to use, and we have a lot of books to enter!

If you are interested in volunteering, join us at the Teens For Christ Ministry Center (538 Old Highway 35 S, Hudson, WI 54016) on Mondays from 1pm-5pm or call the office at 715-386-2549 for more information.

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