



LESSONS OF FAITH FROM  
THE LORD OF THE RINGS

BILBO: "IT'S A DANGEROUS BUSINESS, FRODO, GOING OUT YOUR DOOR. YOU STEP ONTO THE ROAD, AND IF YOU DON'T KEEP YOUR FEET, THERE'S NO KNOWING WHERE YOU MIGHT BE SWEEPED OFF TO."

### WALK WITH A PURPOSE

- EPHESIANS 5:15-16 – "SEE THEN THAT YOU WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY, NOT AS FOOLS, BUT AS WISE, REDEEMING THE TIME, BECAUSE THE DAYS ARE EVIL."

### FOLLOW THE MAP

- PSALM 119:19 – "I AM A STRANGER IN THE EARTH, DO NOT HIDE YOUR COMMANDMENTS FROM ME."
- DEUT. 5:32-33 – "... YOU SHALL WALK IN ALL THE WAYS WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD HAS COMMANDED..."

### Beware of PITFALLS

- PROVERBS 7:6-9 – "...A YOUNG MAN DEVOID OF UNDERSTANDING, PASSING ALONG THE STREET NEAR HER CORNER; AND HE TOOK THE PATH TO HER HOUSE IN THE TWILIGHT."
- PROV. 7:21-23 – "...AS AN OX TO THE SLAUGHTER...HE DID NOT KNOW IT WOULD COST HIS LIFE."
- 1 PETER 5:8 – "BE SOBER, BE VIGILANT..."

Frodo: "I wish the RING had NEVER COME TO ME. I wish NONE of this had happened."

Gandalf: "So do all who live to see such times, but that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us."

### PLANT YOUR HEART IN GOOD SOIL

- Matthew 13:20-21 – "he who received the seed on stony places... yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation arises... immediately he stumbles."
- 23 - "he who received on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it."

### ENDURE TO THE END

- Matthew 24:13 – "but he who endures to the end shall be saved."

### WE HAVE A HEAVENLY INHERITANCE

- 1 Peter 1:3-4 – "...to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you..."

ELROND: "PUT ASIDE THE RANGER. BECOME WHO YOU WERE BORN TO BE."

### WALK WORTHY OF THE CALLING

- Ephesians 4 – 6
  - WALK IN UNITY
  - PUT ON THE NEW MAN
  - WALK IN LOVE
  - WALK IN LIGHT
  - WALK IN WISDOM – "WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY..."
  - SUBMIT TO THE AUTHORITY AND LEADERSHIP OF CHRIST
  - PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

### A LIVING SACRIFICE

- ROMANS 12:1-2 – "I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YOU PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE. AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD."