

# *Footprints in the Sand*

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*One night I had a dream.  
I dreamed I was walking along the beach  
with the Lord..*

*Across the sky flashed scenes from my life..  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of  
footprints in the sand,  
one belonging to me, and the other to the Lord..*

*When the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that many times along the path of my life  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest  
and saddest times in my life.*

*This really bothered me  
and I questioned the Lord about it:  
"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
you'd walk with me all the way.  
But I have noticed that during the most  
troublesome times in my life  
there is only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why  
when I need you most you would leave me."*

*The Lord replied:  
"My precious child, I love you and would  
never leave you.  
During your times of trial and suffering,  
when you see only one set of footprints,  
it was then that I carried you."*

