

Jesus' footprints present with Nik Wallenda above Niagara Falls

As Nik Wallenda walked a small tightrope above Niagara Falls June 15, the ABC microphones picked up the daredevil talking to someone who wasn't visible - Jesus Christ.

"Thank you, Jesus, my righteous king," the heir to the tight rope-walking family said. I thought about how often that's said on national and international television. Usually it's an athlete after he's done something pretty dramatic. This was a guy walking above one of the most impressive- and ominous - visuals on earth and all he could do was talk to Jesus.

It made me think of the footsteps poem so many children read:

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

Sometimes there were two sets of footprints.

Other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life

When I was suffering from anguish, sorrow, or defeat,

I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord, "You promised me, Lord,

That if I followed you, you would walk with me always.

But I noticed that during the most trying periods of my life

There have only been one set of prints in the sand.

Why, When I have needed you most, you have not been there for me?"

The Lord replied,

"The times when you have seen only one set of footprints

Is when I carried you."

Nik Wallenda might have seemed to have been walking by himself, but he realized he was being carried across those falls and into history.