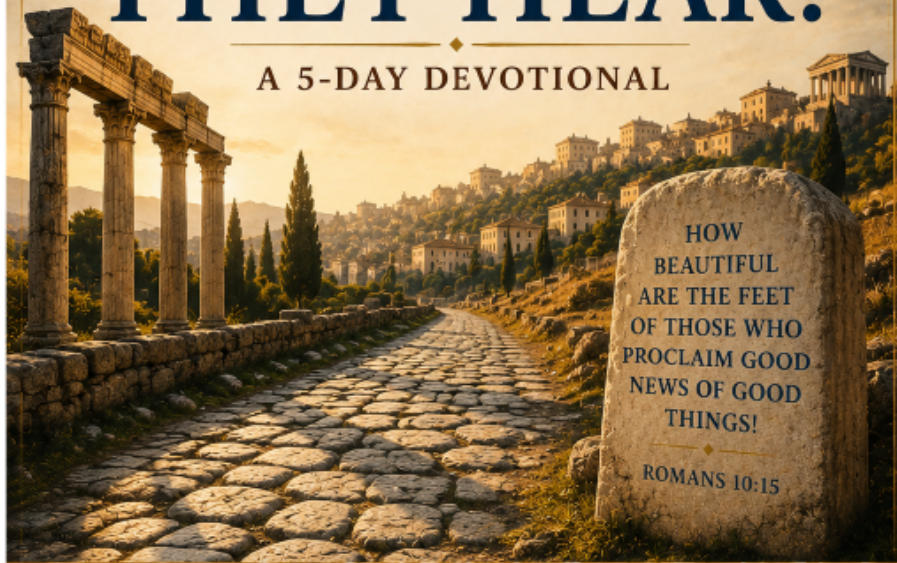


ROMANS 10:14-17

# HOW WILL THEY HEAR?

A 5-DAY DEVOTIONAL



GOD SENDS  
US



WE TELL  
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THEY HEAR  
THE WORD



THEY BELIEVE  
IN CHRIST



THEY CALL  
ON HIM

## YOUR ONE

*Continue praying.  
Continue loving.  
Share the good news.*



I AM PRAYING FOR:

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SENT TO GO. SENT TO SHARE. SENT WITH HOPE.

A 5-Day Devotional on Romans 10:14-17 • Pastor John Forthman

# Day 1 - Someone Told You

**Scripture:** Romans 10:14 - "How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?"

## Reflection

How did you first hear about Jesus?

Maybe it was a parent. A grandparent. A Sunday school teacher. A pastor. A friend. Maybe you can't remember a time when you didn't know His name.

But somewhere in your story, someone helped you hear. Someone told you. Someone taught you. Someone prayed for you. Someone invited you.

Paul traces the story backward. Before someone calls upon Jesus, they must believe. Before they believe, they must hear. Before they hear, someone must tell them. And before someone tells them, someone is sent.

Think about the people God used in your story. They may never have realized how important their faithfulness would become. They simply prayed, loved, spoke, invited, or showed you what following Jesus looked like.

Your story isn't the gospel. Jesus is the good news. But your story can point someone toward Him.

Paul says faith comes from hearing "the word of Christ." So when you tell your story, keep Jesus at the center. Don't simply tell people how your life became better. Tell them about the One who met you with grace.

You may not know every answer. But you can tell what you know.

## Questions for Reflection

- What has Jesus done in my life?
- How would I describe that simply to someone else?
- Does my story point clearly toward Jesus?

**Practice:** Write two or three sentences about what Jesus has done for you. Then practice saying them aloud.

**Prayer:** Jesus, thank You for what You have done in my life. Help me speak about You simply and honestly. May my story always point beyond me to You. Amen.

## Day 2 - Beautiful Feet

**Scripture:** Romans 10:15 - *"How beautiful are the feet of those who proclaim good news of good things!"*

### Reflection

Why would the Bible call someone's feet beautiful?

Paul is quoting the prophet Isaiah, who pictured a messenger running toward God's people with good news. The beauty wasn't really in the messenger's feet. It was in the news those feet carried.

Good news had come. Paul takes that picture and applies it to those who carry the good news of Jesus.

Beautiful feet go. Sometimes they cross an ocean. Sometimes they cross the street. Sometimes they simply cross the room.

We can easily convince ourselves that sharing Jesus requires a special calling, the right personality, or the perfect words. But often it begins much more simply: being willing to move toward another person in love.

Think about the people God has already placed around you. Is there someone you've kept at a comfortable distance? Someone you've prayed for but rarely spoken with? Someone who may simply need you to notice them?

You don't have to manufacture an opportunity. Ask God to show you where He wants your feet to go.

### Questions for Reflection

- Who has God already placed near me?
- Is there someone I've been hesitant to move toward?
- What small distance might God be asking me to cross?

**Practice:** Choose one person today. Take one simple step toward them - a conversation, a phone call, an invitation, or an act of genuine love.

**Prayer:** Lord, give me beautiful feet - feet willing to go where You send me. Help me move toward others with love and be ready to carry the good news of Jesus. Amen.

## Day 3 - Tell What You Know

**Scripture:** John 9:25 - *"One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."*

### Reflection

What would you say if someone asked what Jesus has done in your life?

In John 9, Jesus healed a man who had been blind from birth. Later, religious leaders questioned him about Jesus. The man couldn't answer every question they asked. But he knew what had happened to him.

"I was blind, now I see."

Sometimes we hesitate to talk about Jesus because we're afraid someone will ask a question we can't answer. But you don't have to know everything to tell what you know.

You can tell someone how you came to trust Christ. You can talk about His forgiveness, His grace, or the ways He is changing you.

Today, don't rush past the people God used to help you hear. Remember their names. Remember their faithfulness. And thank God for sending them into your life.

Then consider one more question: Whose story might God be sending you into?

### Questions for Reflection

- Who did God use to help me hear about Jesus?
- What did their faithfulness look like?
- Whom might God be asking me to help hear?

**Practice:** Write down the name of one person God used in your journey toward Christ. Thank God specifically for that person today.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for the people You used to help me hear about Jesus. Thank You for their faithfulness. Make me willing to be that person for someone else. Amen.

## Day 4 - The God Who Abundantly Pardons

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:7 - *"Let him return to Yahweh, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."*

### Reflection

We have spent this week thinking about people who need to hear the good news. But today, hear it for yourself.

Isaiah gives an invitation: Seek the Lord. Call upon Him. Return to Him.

And what will we find when we return? Compassion. A God who abundantly pardons.

Sometimes we remember our failures and wonder whether God's mercy could really extend to us again. But Isaiah doesn't picture a reluctant God barely willing to forgive. He points us toward a God whose mercy is greater than our sin.

Paul echoes that invitation: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The grace we carry to others is the grace we need ourselves. So come to God again today. Bring Him your sin, your failures, and whatever you've been holding back.

Seek Him. Call upon Him. Return to Him. There is abundant pardon in God.

### Questions for Reflection

- Is there something I need to bring honestly before God?
- Do I really believe His grace is sufficient for me?
- How does receiving God's mercy change the way I offer grace to others?

**Practice:** Spend a few quiet minutes confessing honestly to God. Then thank Him for His compassion and forgiveness.

**Prayer:** Father, thank You that Your mercy is greater than my sin. Help me receive Your grace and live as someone who has been abundantly pardoned. Amen.

# Day 5 - You Are Sent

**Scripture:** Romans 10:15 - "And how will they preach unless they are sent?"

## Reflection

The chain Paul describes does not end with us.

Someone was sent. Someone told us about Jesus. We heard the good news. We believed. We called upon the Lord.

Now we are sent.

Every week we leave worship and return to our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and community. Those aren't simply the places where we live our lives. They are places where God has sent us.

You don't need to travel across the world. Beautiful feet may cross an ocean, but they may also cross the street or the room.

And you don't have to control what happens next. Paul reminds us that not everyone who hears will believe. We cannot force faith into another person's heart. Our responsibility is to love, pray, speak faithfully about Jesus, and trust God with the response.

So where has God sent you? Maybe there is one person you've been praying for. Maybe an opportunity is already in front of you.

You don't need the perfect words. You simply need to be willing to go.

## Questions for Reflection

- Where has God already sent me?
- Who around me needs to hear about Jesus?
- What faithful step can I take this week?

**Practice:** Ask God for one person, one opportunity, and one act of courage this week.

**Prayer:** Lord, send me. Give me courage to love, speak, and go where You lead. Help me be faithful and trust You with the results. Amen.