

Beautiful Feet

To Go and Proclaim His Name

READ ROMANS 10:14-17

INTRODUCTION

When we think about service to the Lord, we often will have the opinion that only ministers of the Gospel really, actively go and spread the Gospel. This may not be how we say it out loud but, it certainly can be one of the ways that we treat God's call on our lives. Many times, this is because we feel ill prepared to do the "work of God" and so, we leave it up to those who we feel are more qualified or trained in the things of God. Throughout Scripture we have evidence that shows us that God desires anyone and everyone who is a follower of Him, regardless of their training, to be ready to give an answer to any who might ask it. (1 Peter 3:15)

Another fear that many tend to have concerning "ability" is the fear that they may not be viewed as mature enough to be speaking into someone else's life. This can sometimes ring true in the sense that there are factual events in life that younger people have not gone through. What is important to remember however is that, Biblical truth is truth regardless of one's age. It can be true according to God even if a person has not personally experienced it. This is what Paul is referring to when he encourages Timothy to not be ashamed of his youth. (1 Timothy 4:12) Also, when God encourages Jeremiah to be bold in Jeremiah 1:4-10. These are important verses to study when you feel like you cannot speak into someone's life because of an age difference.

We should strive to know the Law of God and to obey it. We also should strive to share God's plan of redemption through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross with anyone that will listen. Our fears should be calmed when we realize that we too need His grace and love and sometimes we don't have all the answers but, we can be confident that He has given them somewhere and that should spur us on to studying His Word even more. Our maturity takes time to grow and we cannot change our age but, we can study and know the precepts of God and share them with others in boldness and truth. When we share the Gospel, we spread the good news and there is nothing more beautiful than the feet of those who come bearing that Good News.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you experience fear when trying to share with others about Christ? Why do you think we have that fear sometimes?
2. Read through 1 Peter 3:15. How do you think we, as believers, can do better at being prepared to give an answer to all who would ask? What can we do together and what can we do individually? How does aligning my heart with God change how I should view divorce? What cultural opinions have you experienced surrounding divorce? Are those Biblical or strictly opinion?
3. Has anyone ever “looked down on you because of your age”? How does that contradict what Scripture encourages and what are the outcomes for future generations?
4. Read Jeremiah 1:4-10. What is the message from God to Jeremiah. Knowing that we are not prophets, what are some of the practical applications we can take from this passage?
5. What resources are available outside of Scripture to help those who may be seeking to know more about Christ? How can we help to point people to knowledge of Him more?

WRAP UP

Preparedness is difficult because, it is important to be prepared but sometimes it is more important to be willing. Yes, we want to prepare to give the Gospel and have an answer but, the first step is a willingness to actually go to those who need Him. We cannot only know what we need to know but it needs to spur us on to action in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.