

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS FOR THE REST OF US

THE DUST OF YOUR RABBI

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Part 8

TALMIDIM (תַּלְמִידִים)

Definition: Disciples. Learners. Followers.

Root Word: Talmid — תַּלְמִיד (a student who doesn't just learn information, but imitates the life of the teacher.)

1. FAITHFUL

“One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. 2 He noticed two empty boats at the water’s edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. 3 Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.” (Luke 5:1-3)

2. FAITHFUL

*“When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.” 5 “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. **But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.**” (Luke 5:4-5)*

3. FAITHFUL

*“And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! 7 A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. 8 When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” 9 **For he was awestruck** by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. 10 His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.” (Luke 5:6-10a)*

4. FAITHFUL

*“Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” 11 And as soon as they landed, **they left everything and followed Jesus.**” (Luke 5:10b-11)*

ONLY GOD MISSION

THE 10/40 WINDOW

RISK EVERYTHING TO REACH EVERYONE



REACHING THE UNREACHED

FOR OVER 2,000 YEARS, THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL HAS SPREAD ACROSS THE WORLD. YET TODAY, THERE ARE STILL MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER HAD A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR IT.

THE WORLD IS NOT SIMPLY DIVIDED BY GEOGRAPHY, BUT BY PEOPLE GROUPS—DISTINCT COMMUNITIES DEFINED BY LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND IDENTITY. WITHIN MANY OF THESE GROUPS, THERE IS LITTLE TO NO ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL. THERE ARE NO CHURCHES, NO LOCAL BELIEVERS, AND NO CONSISTENT WITNESS OF CHRIST.

THESE ARE KNOWN AS UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS.

WHILE MUCH OF CHRISTIAN MISSION WORK HAS FOCUSED ON AREAS THAT ALREADY HAVE ACCESS TO THE GOSPEL, THE GREATEST NEED REMAINS AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD. THE CALL IS NOT JUST TO GO—BUT TO GO WHERE THERE IS NO ONE ELSE.

THIS IS THE HEART OF THE MISSION:

- TO BRING THE MESSAGE OF JESUS WHERE IT HAS NOT YET BEEN HEARD
 - TO STEP INTO PLACES WITHOUT ESTABLISHED CHURCHES OR BELIEVERS
 - TO CARRY HOPE ACROSS CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC BARRIERS
 - TO ENSURE THAT EVERY PEOPLE GROUP HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR
- REACHING THE UNREACHED IS NOT SIMPLY A TASK—IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY. IT REQUIRES INTENTIONALITY, SACRIFICE, AND A WILLINGNESS TO GO BEYOND WHAT IS FAMILIAR.

THE MISSION CONTINUES UNTIL EVERY PEOPLE GROUP HAS ACCESS TO THE GOOD NEWS.

THE WORK IS NOT FINISHED. THE CALL REMAINS. GO WHERE OTHERS ARE NOT.