

Good News: Messengers

Sent to seek and save the lost!

The Message

(Read Aloud)

Romans 10:8-15 New Living Translation

8 In fact, it says, “The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart.”[a] And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: 9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. 11 As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”[b] 12 Jew and Gentile[c] are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. 13 For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”[d] 14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? 15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”[e]

- **“We’re the messengers sent by God to tell the world that if they call on the name of the Lord, they will be saved!”**
- **“ I am a messenger sent by God to tell the world that if they call on the name of the Lord, they will be saved.”**
- **Everyone, tell two people, “ If you call on the Lord, you will be saved.”**

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- If there were an earthquake and someone was trapped in the rubble, only being able to see the ground. No matter how ugly your feet are, they would be beautiful to the person you were rescuing.
- When you're waiting for a check or a package, the mail truck is beautiful when it appears.
- When the power is out in the neighborhood and AEP arrives, it's beautiful, and you don't even know the driver.
- When it was a hot day as a kid and you heard the ice cream truck coming, it was beautiful.
- Earthquake rescuers, mail carriers, AEP workers are all sent!
- **“ I am sent!”**

1 Peter 2:4-7 New Living Translation

Living Stones for God's House

4 You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. 5 And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests.[a] Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. 6 As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem,[b] chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." [c] 7 Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him.[d] But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone." [e] 8 And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall." [f] They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them. 9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests,[g] a holy nation, God's very own possession.

- **Please stand, time to catch His wind!**
- **“I am a chosen person, a royal priest, a holy nation, God's very own possession.**

As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

- **“Because of this I can show others the goodness of God, He called me out of darkness, He called me out of darkness, He called me out of darkness, into his wonderful light.”**

10 “Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.”[h]

- **“Once I had no identity as a person, now I’m God’s person, now I’m God’s person, now I’m God’s person. Once I received no mercy, now I have received God’s mercy, mercy, mercy!**

Why Me?

- Timothy could have thought He was too young, Abraham too old, Moses a stuttering murderer, David an adulterer, Gideon too weak.
- What thought disqualifies you from being a sent servant of God?
- My Testimony - “I don’t know how.”

1 Corinthians 1:18-30 New Living Translation

The Wisdom of God

18 The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. 19 As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.”[a] 20 So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world’s brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. 21 Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. 22 It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. 23 So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it’s all nonsense. 24 But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles,[b] Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God’s weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength. 26 Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy[c] when God called you. 27 Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those

who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. 28 God chose things despised by the world,[d] things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. 29 As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God. 30 God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.

- Those who have a revelation of His love become empowered in their identity and use the strategy of faith to triumph in their eternal purpose.
- Why did Jesus reveal Himself as the Messiah first to the woman at the well?
- Because there was no one more thirsty for the living water He carried than her.
- No one who desperately needed a revelation of His love more than the woman married five times.
- If he gave the thirstiest of all, living water, she would tell everyone where to get it!
- So why you? Because you were the thirstiest!

John 4:28-30 New Living Translation

28 The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, 29 “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?” 30 So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

- For years I wondered why she would be so ecstatic to have Jesus tell her everything she ever did.
- It’s because He gave her mercy for them all.
- Messiah means anointed one/chosen one. So when the Messiah chooses you, you become an anointed one. One sent to declare the goodness of God.

Matthew 5:13-16 New Living Translation

Teaching about Salt and Light

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as

worthless. 14 “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

- Good news is easy to share, but sometimes hard to receive. They are not rejecting you, but the Christ within.
- The gospel is still worth sharing, especially for those who do receive.

John 1:11-13 New Living Translation

11 He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 13 They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

- A thirsty, sinful woman in Samaria was the first to drop her pots and became a container of living water.
- Listen to her results.

John 4:39-41 New Living Translation

Many Samaritans Believe

39 Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I ever did!” 40 When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, 41 long enough for many more to hear his message and believe.

Matthew 9:35-38 New Living Translation

The Need for Workers

35 Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. 38 So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

