

## February 27th – Shaking the Dust From Your Feet

*“And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!” (Mark 6:11)*

Have you ever been rejected? No one likes being rejected. Maybe you asked someone out on a date, and you were turned down. Maybe you applied for a job you really hoped to get, only to find out the job was given to someone else. Maybe you were applying for a loan to purchase your dream home, only to find out that the bank did not think you could make the payment. Being rejected hurts and many people bear the scars of past rejection.

If you’ve been following Jesus for any amount of time, you’re well-aware that it’s possible for a person to be rejected just because he/she professes to follow Christ. But why would someone reject us on account of Jesus? He went around healing the sick, loving the unloved, and giving hope to the hopeless. Yes, but He also taught some things that were hard for some to hear. Some of His truths are still hard for our culture to hear, such as “no one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

As a Christian, you’re obligated to share the Gospel. Why? Because there is simply no other hope for mankind. And yet, we live in a world that teaches there are many ways of salvation, or that salvation is not necessary at all. If you’ve made multiple attempts to share the Good News with those who refuse to hear it, Jesus instructs you to “shake the dust from your feet” and move on to those who still haven’t heard. Oswald Smith once said, “No one has the right to hear the Gospel twice while there remains someone who has not heard it once.”