



**Series:** Live by Faith on Mission

**Title:** None of Us Deserve to be Here. God Grafts us In.

**Scripture:** Romans 11:11-24

**Nov. Scripture Memory:** *14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:14-17*

1. God used Israel's widespread rejection of the gospel to expedite the gospel to the Gentiles. (Romans 11:11-15)
  - a. God uses rejection and persecution to deliver the gospel and salvation to people. (Romans 1:16-17)
  - b. What Satan means for evil, God uses for good.
  - c. The book of Acts chronicles the pattern of evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of the church: (Acts 13:13-16, 42-52; 14:1-7)
    - i. The gospel is preached in synagogues.
    - ii. Some Jews believe, others are hostile to the gospel.
    - iii. The disciples preach to Gentiles and many believe.
    - iv. The church is multi-ethnic (Jews and Gentiles).
    - v. Within 100 years, the church was majority Gentile.
2. God uses the joy of the Gentiles' salvation to show Israel what they are missing and bring them to saving faith. (Romans 11:11-16)
  - a. Our trespass and sin is never the end of the story.
  - b. God is mighty to save even when people reject Him. God knows how to show people what they are missing.
  - c. Never, ever give up hope on people in your lives. Keep praying and keep sharing the gospel.

What is YOUR heart for the wayward and lost people in your lives? (Romans 9:1-3)

Who is YOUR ONE? God promises a harvest! (Psalm 126:4-5; Gal. 6:9)

3. The gospel we believe is amazing and undeserved grace for all. (Romans 11:16-24)
  - a. God planted the cultivated olive tree of the Jews and the wild olive trees of the Gentiles.
  - b. God cut off the branches of unbelief among the Jews.
  - c. God raised up the shoot of Jesus from the stump of Jesse. (Isaiah 11:1)
  - d. God grafted in the wild olive branches of the Gentiles.
  - e. God can graft in the cut branches of unbelief if they do not continue in their unbelief.
4. Saving faith is a staying faith because it is rooted in the kindness of God. (Romans 11:18-22)
  - a. People who have been grafted in by unmerited grace have no room for arrogance toward Jews or Gentiles.
    - i. We have a Jewish Messiah proclaimed in Jewish Scriptures.
  - b. The Sovereign grace of God should lead us to fear, never pride.
  - c. The evidence of saving faith is endurance over time, not the intensity of emotion.
  - d. The kindness of God will lead us to perpetual repentance.