



Series: Live by Faith on Mission

Title: You Don't Know What You Don't Know

Scripture: Romans 11:1-10

November 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. As we wait for the return of the Lord, some things in life and God's Word are hard to understand.
2. Remember, all that happens in life and God's Word is so that many will come to saving faith. (2 Peter 3:8-17)
3. Don't skip hard to understand things in life or passages in the Bible.
4. Allow clear passages and context to provide the guide to understanding.
5. Don't forget to apply the law of Hermeneutics when understanding life and studying Scripture.

Law of Hermeneutics:

- 1) Let Scripture interpret Scripture and LIFE.
- 2) Context is crucial.
- 3) The plain things are the main things and the main things are the plain things.
- 4) The original language, grammatical structure, and historical setting are primary in understanding the text and life.
- 5) The goal of interpretation is to understand the Author's intent (as well as people).

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6. The best way to understand what God is doing NOW is to know what God has been doing throughout History.
 - a. Gen. 12:1-4 - God calls Abram and promises to bless the nations through him (Jesus would come through Abraham's seed).
 - b. Gen. 15:7-19 - God seals His promise to Abraham with a covenant ceremony.
 - c. Gen. 45:6-8 - God preserved a remnant by sending Israel to Egypt.
 - d. Gen. 50:20 - What Satan means for evil, God uses for good so that many should live!
 - e. Exodus 12:33-42 - God leads a mixed multitude out of Egypt.
 - f. Joshua 21:45 - All that has been promised to Abraham came to pass.
 - g. 2 Kings 17:23 - Israel exiled to Babylon.
 - h. Ezra 3 - Some of Israel returns to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple.
 - i. Luke 2:10-14 - Messiah (the blessing to the nations) is born.
 - j. Luke 23:46; 24:6-7 - Jesus death and resurrection.
 - k. Acts 1:9; 2:1-4; 4:1 - Jesus ascends, Holy Spirit comes, the church is born.
7. When you can't trace God's hand, trust God's heart and hand throughout the generations. (Psalm 145:4)
 - a. God empowers His people to share the gospel (evangelism).
 - b. God brings people from every tribe and tongue to build the church (unity).
 - c. God is in control of human history including our day (hope).
 - d. God shows His wonders, wisdom, and mercy daily (worship).
8. God saves people in every generation. (Romans 10:7-11:2)
 - a. Personal testimony testifies this. (Romans 11:1)
 - b. Theological truth affirms this. (Romans 11:2a)
 - c. Scripture proves this. (Romans 11:2b-4)
9. God is always bringing people to saving faith by grace. (Romans 11:5-10)