

Devotional guide based July 27th Sermon: How Shall They Hear

Day 1: God's Unceasing Love Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Devotional: Paul's anguish for his people reflects God's heart for the lost. Like Paul, we may experience deep sorrow for loved ones who don't know Christ. Today, reflect on God's unceasing love for you and for those who are far from Him. How can you embody that love in your interactions with others? Pray for those in your life who don't yet know Christ, asking God to soften their hearts and use you as His witness.

Day 2: Faith Beyond Rituals Reading: Romans 10:1-4 Devotional: The Israelites were zealous for God but missed the true righteousness found in Christ. It's easy to fall into the trap of religious rituals without heart transformation. Examine your own faith journey. Are there areas where you've substituted rituals for a genuine relationship with God? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any "stumbling stones" in your life and to guide you into a deeper, more authentic walk with Christ.

Day 3: Salvation in Christ Alone Reading: Romans 10:5-13 Devotional: Salvation comes through faith in Christ alone, not by our own efforts or good deeds. This truth levels the playing field – there is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for the same Lord is Lord of all. Reflect on the simplicity and power of the gospel message. How does this impact your view of yourself and others? Consider how you can share this liberating truth with someone in your sphere of influence today.

Day 4: The Beautiful Feet of Messengers Reading: Romans 10:14-17 Devotional: The spread of the gospel relies on people willing to go and share the good news. Paul emphasizes the beauty and importance of those who bring this message. You are called to be God's messenger in your unique context. Pray for courage and opportunities to share Christ with others. Who in your life needs to hear about Jesus? Ask God to give you "beautiful feet" as you step out in faith to share His love.

Day 5: God's Faithfulness in Our Suffering Reading: Romans 8:35-39 Devotional: While this passage wasn't directly mentioned in the transcription, it ties into the themes of God's love and presence in our struggles. Paul's assurance that nothing can separate us from God's love is a powerful reminder of His faithfulness. Reflect on times in your life when you've felt God's presence even in difficult circumstances. How has His love sustained you? Pray for those you know who are going through trials, that they would experience the unshakeable love of God. Ask for strength to be a channel of that love to others.