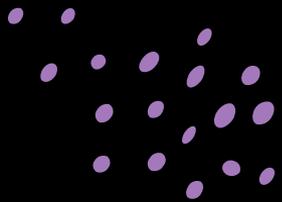


REACHING *the* LOST

ISAIAH 52:7

ROMANS 10:14-17



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How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those
who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”

Romans 10:14-17

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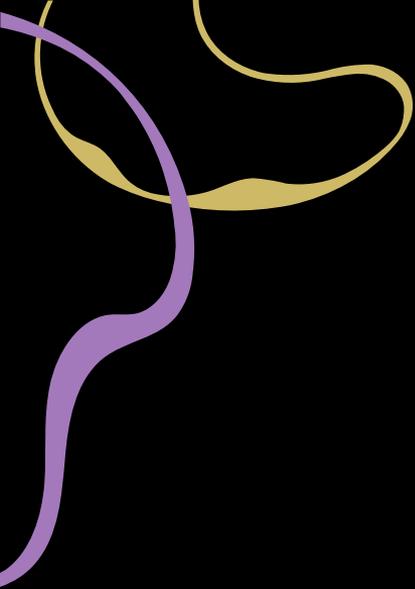
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16 But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

Romans 10:14-17

17 Consequently, **faith comes from hearing the message,** and the message is heard through the word about Christ.



The Israelites were confronted with several issues during the reign of a certain king of Assyria, a major world power.

Israel felt repeatedly the horrors of war and destruction.





Isaiah 52:1-6 described
some of their situations
as oppression, captivity,
sinful pollution; however,
**God assured them of
Freedom, Peace and
Salvation.**





Isaiah 52:7; Isaiah 40:9

gave us a glimpse of certain personalities that were God's instrument to reach out to the Israelites (LOST) and brought the good news of God's plan to them.



1: The Recipient of the Message (The Lost)

Key fact: Communication will not be effective if you don't know your AUDIENCE.

They are Lost without Christ

Romans 10:1 NIV

10 Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

1: The Recipient of the Message (The Lost)

They are Helpless & have not Heard the Good News

Romans 10:13-14 NIV

13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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"No one has the capacity to be changed by keeping the law without Christ"

1: The Recipient of the Message (The Lost)

They are Blind

2 Corinthians 4:4 NIV

4 "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God".

1: The Recipient of the Message (The Lost)

Dead in Sin

Ephesians 2:1-2 NIV

1 "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient".

1: The Recipient of the Message (The Lost)

Under the Wrath of God

John 3:36 NIV

36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them".

1: The Recipient of the Message (The Lost)

In the Domain of Darkness

Colossians 1:13 NIV

**13 "For he has rescued us from the
dominion of darkness and brought us
into the kingdom of the Son he loves"**

2: The Messenger

Key fact: Communication will not be effective in the hands of a wrong messenger to a good audience.

They are Saved

John 19:38-39 NIV -Nicodemus

38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. 39 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

"You cannot give what you don't have"

2: The Messenger

They have the Good News

“ Isaiah 52:7 “..... who bring good tidings”

***They carry Christ everywhere they go * They are light of the World - The Bible that men read*His word is in them- John 1:14**

2: The Messenger

A description of their beauty is Purity within and Purity without – Isaiah 52:7; Isaiah 6:1-8

2 Timothy 2:20-21 NIV

20 "In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. 21 Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work"

2: The Messenger

They are Watchmen – Isaiah 52:8

**Listen! Your watchmen lift up their
voices;**

together they shout for joy.

**When the Lord returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.**

2: The Messenger

They are sent – On Assignment for the Lord- VS 15

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Acts 13:2-5 NIV

2 “While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” **3** So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. **4** The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. **5** When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper”.

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2: The Messenger

They are Bold

3: The Message

Key fact: Communication will be ineffective with a wrong message, in the hands of a good messenger.

Good news

Peace – The Love of God

Romans 5:8 NIV

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”.

3: The Message

Salvation – Repentance

Acts 3:19-20 NIV

19 “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, 20 and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus”.

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3: The Message

Christ

1 Corinthians 1:23 NIV

23 "but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,"

2 Corinthians 2:12 NIV

12 "Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me,"

Conclusion

Luke 19:10 NIV

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Mark 16:15-16 NIV

15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Matthew 9:37-38 NIV

37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Conclusion

1 Corinthians 9:22 NIV

22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some

Romans 1:16 NIV

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

GOD IS COUNTING ON YOU!