The Missionary Question

Romans 10:11-15

Romans 10:11-15 (NASB) ¹¹ "For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED." ¹⁴ How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL

ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

At every mission's conference, I tell God the same thing: "I'm available, Lord. I will go to foreign fields if You say so." Until He instructs me to pack my bags, I'm going to keep on sending others to work among unbelievers in distant and even remote places.

In <u>Romans 10</u>, Paul asked a series of questions that can be summed up like this: How will the world hear about Jesus if you do nothing? God uses Christians to spread the word that His salvation plan is available to all. He put us in families and communities, so we will mingle and share what we know. But some believers are called to carry the gospel farther than others. Those who stay behind are to offer prayer and resources for those who travel.

If you're shaking your head and thinking, *Mission work isn't where my heart is*, I have news for you: Every believer is called to missions as either a goer or a sender. That call comes in dramatic ways for some, but for most of us, it is simply a biblical principle to be followed (<u>Matthew 28:19</u>). What's missing for those who don't have a heart for such work is passion. Christians who share, go, and send are often excited about God's message for unbelievers—and it's possible for you to become more enthusiastic, too.

Matthew 28:19 (NASB)

¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

I challenge you to ask the Lord, "Am I open to going anywhere You send me?" Our roots in a community should be sunk only as deep as God wills. If you aren't called to go, then choose to be a sender. Offer your prayers, your money, and anything else that will help to put others on the mission field.