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Romans 10:5-13 (NLT) - For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands. ⁶But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven?' (to bring Christ down to earth). ⁷And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead?' (to bring Christ back to life again)." ⁸In fact, it says, "The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart." And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: ⁹If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. ¹¹As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." ¹²Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

Romans 10:14-15 (NLT) - But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

Study Guide

This last Sunday we talked about the Gospel truth that we are all saved. That when we put our faith in Christ we are saved by the sacrifice of Christ. This is another powerful truth that shapes so much of how we view the world.

When you think about being saved or rescued, what does that feel like? Was there a time when someone rescued you from danger? What was that like?

When we talk about salvation in the church it can feel like a deeply complicated topic. How are you saved? What are the requirements to be saved? What should it look like? What has to happen?

But maybe it's not that complicated. Take a moment to read Acts 16:16-34.

In this story we come across this man that was acting as the jailer for Paul and Silas. He has a moment where he realizes that all is lost and goes to take his own life, only to be saved in that moment by Paul yelling out to him. He has this moment where he realizes that he needs to be saved. That he is not okay. That things will not be okay. That these men who literally saved his life by staying in prison know something that he doesn't know, something that can save him in an even deeper way. It's a powerful moment where the desperation of a man ready to take his own life is replaced by the elation of discovering a relationship with God for him and all his family. This man is saved.

As you read this story and think about what happened here, what stands out about how Paul and Silas acted? How do you think their actions shared the Gospel with the jailer? What could you do that would convey the Gospel and invite others to be saved?

Take some time to pray with each other that we would live lives that invite others to be saved as we have been saved, and for divine opportunities to share our story with the world.