

Walking on Mission (Romans 9-11, especially 10:9-15)

November 9, 2025, Dave Geldart, Tru Community Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Welcome: Connect Cards, Giving
- 2) Women's Dinner & A Movie – 21st (Get on GroupMe)
- 3) Pie & Karaoke Night – 23rd 530pm

1. [1] INTRODUCTION:

- a. Over the past few months, we've been walking in Victory through Paul's letter to the Romans.

- i. And what a rich journey it's been!

b. [2] 3 Main Sections:

- c. In chapters 1-4, Paul showed us the **Gospel we stand on**: that we are made right with God not by works but by faith in Christ alone.
- d. In chapters 5-8, shows us the **Gospel we Walk in** -- learning how to *live out* that Gospel in our daily lives, the Gospel that set free from sin, empowered by the Spirit, assured that nothing can separate us from God's love.
- e. But when we turn the page to Romans 9 and the final section of Romans, something shifts.
 - i. The tone changes.
 - ii. Paul's words become more personal, almost heavy.
- f. **He's not changing the subject.**
 - i. **He's completing the story.**
- g. Because once you understand the Gospel and begin to walk in it — the next question isn't just *"How do I live?"*
 - i. **It's *"Who else needs to hear?"***

h. STORY: The Message that Got Kept

- i. That reminds me of a story I heard about a missionary couple.
 - ii. They had spent years translating the Gospel of Mark into a local language in Asia that had never had Scripture before.
 - iii. When it was finally finished, they gave a copy to one of the village elders — a kind, respected man who could read.
 - iv. He thanked them, promised to share it, and tucked it under his arm.
 - v. Months later they returned and asked him,
 1. "Have others been reading the story of Jesus?"

- vi. The man looked down, embarrassed.
 - 1. “I meant to share it,” he said, “but I wanted to keep it safe.
 - 2. So I wrapped it carefully in cloth, placed it in my chest, and kept it there.”
- vii. They opened the chest — and there it was:
 - 1. Still wrapped. Untouched. Unread.
 - 2. THIS IS TRAGICALLY WRONG!**
- viii. He thought he was doing a good thing by keeping it safe,
 - 1. But he totally missed the entire purpose of the long translation work
 - 2. The Good News isn’t meant to be protected.
 - 3. It’s meant to be *shared*!
- ix. That’s the burden Paul feels in Romans 9–11.
- x. God had entrusted Israel with His promises, His Word, His Messiah — not to lock them away, but to share them with the world.
- xi. And now, as those who’ve received His Gospel, we face the same choice:**
 - 1. Will we keep it wrapped up?
 - 2. Or will Carry it with us?
 - a. into our neighborhoods
 - b. Workplaces
 - c. Schools
 - d. And clubs
 - 3. And share it freely
- xii. Because once you’ve received the Gospel —
 - 1. you’re not just saved by it...
 - 2. you’re *sent* with it.
- xiii. And that’s the final section of Romans we begin today
 - 1. The Gospel we SHARE!**

2. PRAY

3. [3] The Heart of God Has Always Been for All Peoples

- a. From the very beginning, God’s mission has been global.
- b.** When God called Abraham to become the father of his special people, He said prophetically,

[4] “All nations on earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:3).

- i. Israel was chosen not just to be *special*, but to be a *light* to the Gentiles – NON JEWS! (nations = ethnoi = GROUPS OF PEOPLE)
- ii. But Israel failed to live that calling fully.
- iii. They lived “kept” rather than “sent”

c. And yet—God didn’t fail.

- i. He kept His promises.
- ii. He sent His Messiah, His Son, Jesus, to save and redeem *everyone*—Jew and Gentile alike—who would believe in Him.

d. Romans 9–11 is Paul wrestling with this.

- i. **After 8 chapters of the clearest explanation of the Good News in the whole Bible,**
- ii. He’s heartbroken that many of his fellow Jews have rejected Christ.
- iii. **[5] READ ROMANS 9:1–3 - “I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race.”**
 - 1. That’s an INTENSE place to be!!!!
 - 2. Is that how YOU ARE for your family and friends who are lost?
- iv. But then he reminds us:
- v. **[6] READ ROMANS 9:6–8 - “It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, ‘It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.’ In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring.”**
- vi. He’s cueing back to the original story of Abraham in Genesis.
- vii. In other words:
 - 1. The people of God -- The True children of Abraham – true Israelites -- have always been defined by faith, not ethnicity.
- viii. **[7] READ ROMANS 9:30–32 - “What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; but the people of Israel, who pursued**

the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works.”

1. In the end, the only way to be right with God is through Faith in HIM – in Jesus – to do it for us
2. Rather than in our own ability to be good enough.
3. And so, God’s offer of salvation is for EVERYONE who would give up on their own self-improvement project that is doomed to eternal failure
4. And trust in Jesus’s death and resurrection for us.
5. It’s that scandalously simple.

4. [8] Salvation Is Offered to Everyone

a. **READ ROMANS 10:9–13 (NIV)** - “If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'”

b. What an incredible truth!

- i. No one is too far gone.
 1. In fact later on Paul will say that even his fellow Jews who reject Jesus could still turn and embrace him.
- ii. No one is excluded because of their background, heritage, or past mistakes, even incredibly horrible past mistakes!
 1. Though earthly consequences still play out...
- iii. The ground at the foot of the cross is perfectly level.
- iv. And that’s exceedingly good news for us—and for our neighbors.

c. If you’ve ever wondered whether God could forgive *you*, or use *you*, or love *you*—

- i. Not after what I did. What I still struggle with.
- ii. Paul says, “Yes. **Everyone** who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

1. Period.

5. Then, keeping in mind that glorious truth that everyone who **CALLS** on the name of the Lord will be saved...

a. then Paul asks the question that brings the focus home:

b. **[9] READ ROMANS 10:13–15 – 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'**"

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

c. That's the progression of mission (see it here working backwards):

- i. Believers are **sent**.
- ii. Believers **preach** (or share).
- iii. The lost **hear**.
- iv. The lost **believe**.
- v. The lost **call** on the name of the Lord.
- vi. The lost are **saved**

1. AND THE CYCLE REPEATS!

d. It's a divine chain reaction.

- i. And Paul's big point is: it starts... with **someone being sent**.
 1. It started with God sending his son, Jesus
 2. And then Jesus sending his disciples likewise
 3. All the way down to us today
- ii. WE ARE NOW THE SOMEONE BEING SENT!

6. **[10] We Are Sent People**

- a. We are not just *saved* people—we are *sent* people.
- b. When we believe, God doesn't just save us *from* something—He saves us *for* something.
- c. **[11] Jesus said in John 20:21, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."**
 - i. The Great Commission echoes it in **Matthew 28:19: "Go and make disciples of all nations..."**

- ii. Here Jesus connects back to the original promise given to **Abraham**
 - iii. Now carried out by all who would follow Jesus
- d. You and I are **sent ones**.
 - i. Every Christian is a missionary.
 - 1. CALLED to be ones who share the good news with others
 - 2. **To everyone, all groups and types of people**
 - ii. Not all of us cross oceans, but all of us cross *streets*.
- e. **We live in a world today of more than 8 billion souls,**
 - i. most of whom don't know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- f. **And yet, God has placed you right where you are,** with the people you're around FOR A REASON
- g. **AND LIKEWISE, God has sovereignly placed us—this small church in St. George, Kansas—right where we are, for a reason.**
 - i. We're not a big church, but we're a **sent church**.
 - ii. And that makes us powerful in God's hands.

7. Faith Comes from Hearing about JC

- a. [12] Verse 17 of Chapter 10 summarizes it perfectly: *"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."*
- b. As we read before, people can't believe in a Jesus they've never heard about.
 - i. Today many people have heard OF Jesus, or even think they know what he's about, or what the Gospel is – but they actually have NO IDEA of the truth about Him or his Good News
 - 1. They've only been fed lies and half truths
 - ii. **EVEN AMERICANS – ESPECIALLY AMERICANS – need to hear about the REAL JESUS AND THE REAL GOSPEL**
- c. That's why the Gospel is not just to be lived but also **told**.
- d. [13] **ITS SHOW AND TELL!**
 - i. It's not enough to be nice!
 - ii. **Yes, we *show*** the love of Jesus—through kindness, service, compassion.

- iii. **But we must also *tell*** people the message that saves.
 - 1. The good news is NEWS!
- iv. Both matter.
- v. Otherwise, people will think we're just nice Midwestern folks instead of redeemed sinners who met a Savior that changed our lives
 - 1. And who they can meet too!
 - 2. WE MUST SHARE THE GOSPEL through both Show and Tell!
 - 3. **Which of these do you struggle with the most?**

8. [14] HOW DO WE do this? How do we LIVE SENT in the greater St. George area?

- a. MHK, Wamego, Westy...

9. [15] Show and tell your Neighbors the Gospel

- a. Start with your literal neighbors.
- b. Also includes those who you're around:
 - i. your coworkers.
 - ii. Your classmates.
 - iii. Your teammates.
 - iv. The parents on the sidelines with you.
 - v. **Your friends and family**
- c. Start by **showing** them the love of Jesus.
 - i. In how you treat them
 - ii. Move toward them
 - iii. Offer them grace and genuine care
- d. Then **tell** them the Good News when the door opens.
 - i. Could be all at once
 - ii. **Or often, in chunks, appropriate to the conversation, that invite curiosity**
 - iii. Likely in the context of talking about your own life

10.[16] Invite them to come to church with you

- a. Sunday morning Central Gathering
- b. Better yet, invite them into your **LIFE Group** or other small group.

11.[17] LIFE Groups: The Frontline of Mission

- a. LIFE Groups aren't just for bible studies or fellowship.

- b. They are one of the most effective tools for relational evangelism and discipleship.
 - i. Especially in our culture today
- c. When we bring friends into these communities of love – imperfect though we are -- they don't just hear about Jesus—they *see* Him lived out.
 - i. And are often drawn to Him through seeing his people love each other.
 - ii. This is exactly what Jesus said would happen
 - iii. [18] John 13:35 - **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**
 - iv. **Group Evangelism! – Engaging your friends together**
- d. We grow together, we care for one another,
 - i. We laugh and cry together
- e. and we multiply.
 - i. So that more people can have a seat at the table
- f. That's why multiplication matters—
 - i. it's not just a strategy; it's obedience to the Great Commission.

12.[19] Multiplying Groups and Disciples

- a. **Remember our WOTY this year: MULTIPLY**
- b. **Growth and Multiplication is at the core of our strategy, and Christ's**
 - i. **Healthy things grow and multiply**
- c. When a LIFE Group grows and multiplies – plants a new group -- it's a picture of spiritual health.
- d. We're raising up new leaders, discipling others, practicing out the "one another" marks of Christian Community, and making space for new people to experience the Gospel.
- e. The goal isn't just to fill up a living room with more people—it's to fill up *God's Kingdom with more adopted sons and daughters*
- f. Jesus didn't say, "Go and make attenders."
 - i. He said, "Go and make disciples (who will make disciples)"
- g. **One of the most effective ways for you to obey Jesus in our culture today is to commit to regular engagement with a LIFE Group,**
 - i. and invite your friends to join you.

13.[20] Plant New Churches—Locally and Beyond

- a. The single most effective method of reaching unchurched people with the Gospel is **planting new churches**.
 - i. **It's how OUR CHURCH started (thank you, Westview!)**
 - ii. **And it's what WE'RE CALLED TO DO**
 - 1. **Healthy things multiply, including churches**
 - 2. In fact, church planting is perhaps the single most effective indicator of a church's health and kingdom-effectiveness.
 - iii. So, contrary to what we might think, planting is not a threat to our church—it's our mission.
 - 1. And our proof of health!
- b. We're continuing the Great Commission
 - i. We're continuing the chain reaction that began in Acts and still ripples today.
 - ii. That's our heritage. That's our DNA.
- c. **And it's something we're going to do as a church.**
 - i. Most likely in partnership with other churches.

14.[21] Global Missions: The Ends of the Earth

- a. Paul's vision didn't stop with Jerusalem—or even Rome.
 - i. He wanted to go to Spain!
 - ii. Literally the ends of the earth for him (as far East as one could go)
- b. The Gospel always pushes outward.
 - i. Jesus tells his disciples at the beginning of the book of Acts that the Gospel is to go from Jerusalem (where they were) to Judea and all Samaria, and then to the ends of the earth!
- c. We're to partner with what God is doing locally **and globally**.
- d. Some of us will *go*.
 - i. Some will *send*.
 - ii. **All of us will be involved** – all of us will *pray* and *support*.
 - iii. All of us will LIVE SENT, no matter where we are.
 - 1. Whether we go across the world, or across the street
- e. We as a church can help train leaders, fund missions, encourage missionaries, and plant new churches across the world.

- i. Again, this is something we're called to, and something we're going to step into! **Beginning with supporting missionaries.**
- 15. **Paul ends this section by breaking out into spontaneous praise** as he considers God's mission to the whole world – how **Living Sent Glorifies God:**
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16.[23] The Challenge for Us:

- a. **HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE YOUR FEET?**
 - i. *"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*
- b. **When was the last time you thought about your feet being beautiful?**
 - i. **Mine are kinda wonky – hurt if I walk too far**
 - 1. Something not quite right with the tendons
 - 2. Rich Foveaux one of the best sports medicine guys around, looked at them and said: "woah I've never seen that before"
 - ii. **But Paul's not talking about pedicures—but about purpose.**
 - 1. Beautiful feet belong to people who walk on mission.
 - a. They go where God sends them.
 - b. They bring good news to lost and hurting people.
 - c. They cross barriers—racial, cultural, social, relational, emotional—to bring the hope of Christ to everyone.
- c. **So—I ask again, how beautiful are your feet?**
 - i. Are they the feet of someone who lives Sent?
 - 1. Who brings good news?
 - ii. Or are they the feet of someone who stays comfortable—sitting, keeping, consuming?

17.[24] Beware the Danger of Consumer Christianity

- a. We can fall into the same trap Paul warned Israel about—resting on our heritage, reputation, or religious routine, rather than engagement in the Mission.,

- b. It's not enough to say, "I go to church" or "I come from a Christian family."
 - i. The question isn't just, "Am I saved?"
 - ii. It's, "Am I sent?"
- c. **We are all tempted to engage with church like we engage with eating out:**
 - i. I'll do it if I have time
 - ii. And when I do, I come to get "fed"
 - 1. To consume
 - 2. When I'm not liking or enjoying it –
 - a. Then I'm out
 - 3. And I'll head to the next church where less is required of me.
 - a. Where I feel "good"
 - 4. Until the cycle repeats itself,
 - a. And we live our lives outside God's Mission
- d. When we only consume but never contribute,
 - i. we miss the joy of participating in God's redemption story.
 - i. While the window of the mission is still OPEN
 - ii. Truly: The adventure of a lifetime

18.[25] Welcome, Equip, and Send

- a. Remember: WES WE CAN!!!!W
- b. This is the call on every believer
- c. AND This is our vision as a church: **Welcome. Equip. Send.**
 - i. We *welcome* people into our community and the family of God.
 - ii. We *equip* them to grow as disciples.
 - iii. And we *send* them out as missionaries where they live, work, and play.
- d. **Everything we do:** gatherings, every group, every ministry, every prayer meeting or equipping class, should move us along that pathway.
 - i. That's why we have Life Groups.
 - ii. That's why we focus on discipleship.
 - iii. That's why we talk about multiplication.
 - iv. That's why we're preparing to plant churches and engage global missions.

- e. We're stepping into our proper place in God's story—a **multiplying, missional movement**.

19. [26] The Invitation: Walk in Mission

- a. Brothers and sisters—this is where the Christian life gets exciting.
- b. This is where faith turns into adventure.
- c. **When we step out, God shows up.**
- d. When we walk in mission, we find joy and purpose we can't find any other way.
- e. So today, I want to invite you to recommit yourself to this calling:
 - i. To walk as a **sent one**
 - ii. **Who SHARES the Gospel** as a lifestyle
 - iii. To see your neighborhood as your **mission field**.
 - iv. To walk TOGETHER as SENT ONES
 - 1. To participate in your **Life Group's mission** to multiply.
 - 2. To pray for and support **new church plants**.
 - 3. To engage in **global missions**, near and far
 - v. Because we've received the good news—and now we go with it
- f. **Let's be a people who walk on mission**
 - i. —locally, relationally, globally—until the whole world knows.
 - ii. **My prayer for our church is that our mission would be for everyone in a 20 mile radius of our church to be given the chance to hear and respond to the Gospel.**
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