

SERMON NOTES

The Chain of Belief

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Rom 10:9-17

opening prayer

Open hearts as we unpack the living Word, with eyes to recognise where the Lord is already at work in and through our lives.

ice breaker

Can you think of a time someone encouraged you to step into something you didn't feel qualified for? Describe turn of events.

overview

- Faith comes by hearing (**Rom 10:14, 17**); people need to *hear* the good news of Jesus to believe .
- By God's grace, everyone is invited, regardless of background or ability (**vv. 12-13**).
- We don't need to be qualified or extraordinary, but simply available and empowered by Holy Spirit.
- We need to remember that the Lord is already moving in people's hearts. Our role is to step into the conversations and opportunities He places before us (**Matt 28:19-20**).

go deeper

What does it actually mean to be *sent*?

In **Rom 10**, the Apostle Paul lays out a compelling *chain of belief* that moves from being sent, to telling, to hearing, to believing, and ultimately to calling on the name of the Lord. Ps Cam's message invites us to locate ourselves within that chain and embrace the personal mission God has placed before us.

The central truth is simple and staggering: faith comes by hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, and that good news travels through ordinary people who make themselves available. Through personal stories, missionary accounts, and Scripture, we see that God's invitation isn't limited by our ability, background, or circumstances. His *whoever, whenever, however, wherever, forever* policy is a picture of grace that refuses to be boxed in.

From underground churches in Vietnam to a conversation on a boat in the Mediterranean, the testimonies Ps Cam shared should spur us on, encouraging us that the Lord is already at work in the hearts of those around us, and He loves them far more than we ever could. The question becomes, not whether we are *qualified*, but whether we are *willing and available* to be empowered by Holy Spirit to join in on the work the Lord is already doing in someones heart and life..

application 01

Map your chain.

Write down or type out the names of the people who were links in the chain of belief that led you to faith in the Lord. Take a moment to thank the Lord for each of their obedience. Share your chain with the group, along with a brief version of the story that goes along with it.

discussion

- 1** **Rom 10:13-15** reveals a chain from calling on the Lord to being sent. What might each step look like in everyday life, and in which link of the chain might God be inviting you to be more active?
- 2** **Rom 10:17** tells us that faith comes by hearing the good news about Jesus Christ — not merely hearing information. What do you think it takes for someone to move from one to the other?
- 3** Living missionally can mean initiating a conversation or responding to an opportunity, much like Pharaoh's daughter responded by lifting Moses out of the reeds (**Exo 2:5-10**). Are you naturally more of an initiator or a responder? Consider how the Lord may want to use you based on the way He's wired you.

application 02

Practice availability

Choose one situation this week where you would normally be distracted or disengaged (e.g. a commute, lunch break, daily exercise). Intentionally make yourself available to the people around you and invite the Lord into it. See what He says and does.

Respond to a prompting

Think of someone God has already been placing on your heart. Proactively take steps toward them this week and trust the Lord with the outcome. Remember: you may not see instant fruit.

closing prayer

- That the Lord would prepare the hearts of those He wants us to reach this week.
- Pray **Rom 15:13** over the group: that the God of hope would fill us with joy and peace, and that the hope of the gospel would overflow through the power of Holy Spirit in and through us.