

Title: Rubber Meets The Road - Romans 10 14-21

Read:

¹⁴⁻¹⁷But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it? That's why Scripture exclaims, A sight to take your breath away! Grand processions of people telling all the good things of God! But not everybody is ready for this, ready to see and hear and act. Isaiah asked what we all ask at one time or another: "Does anyone care, God? Is anyone listening and believing a word of it?" The point is: Before you trust, you have to listen. But unless Christ's Word is preached, there's nothing to listen to. ¹⁸⁻²¹But haven't there been plenty of opportunities for Israel to listen and understand what's going on? Plenty, I'd say. Preachers' voices have gone 'round the world, Their message to earth's seven seas. So the big question is, Why didn't Israel understand that she had no corner on this message? Moses had it right when he predicted, When you see God reach out to those you consider your inferiors—outsiders!— you'll become insanely jealous. When you see God reach out to people you think are religiously stupid, you'll throw temper tantrums. Isaiah dared to speak out these words of God: People found and welcomed me who never so much as looked for me. And I found and welcomed people who had never even asked about me. Then he capped it with a damning indictment: Day after day after day, I beckoned Israel with open arms, And got nothing for my trouble but cold shoulders and icy stares.

Think:

Do you often wish that more of you mates knew about Jesus? Do you think if only so and so knew Jesus then he or she would be able to tell so many people. Then you would have loads more cool friends who knew the fantastic news of Jesus. The question Paul asks us is how can they call to Jesus, if they haven't heard of him? We might say but everyone has heard of Jesus. But have they really heard? Or is Jesus just another fable to them, like Santa Claus, or the tooth fairy. Have they really heard about Jesus from someone who knows the truth? Paul goes on with question two, how can they be expected to have heard about Jesus if no one has told them? What do we say? But someone would have told them wouldn't they. But of course if we all think that someone else has told them, then there is a very real possibility that no one has. Sometimes we also need to hear from many people before we make a decision. In my case I can think of five people who tried to tell me before I actually listened. Paul's final question is where the rubber meets the road. How can they be expected to be told the good stuff about Jesus if no one is sent to tell them? Well there is only one response to Paul's final question. Picture that mate of yours who doesn't know Jesus. Right do you have the picture of their face in your mind? Good you are being sent to tell them the truth about Jesus.

Pray:

Lord please give me the words I need to speak to the person you have sent me to. Amen

Action:

Take action today, do one thing today to start that relationship with the person that God has sent you to. Bye