

Read: Romans 10:12-17

Chosen To Go

Romans 10:14-15

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!"

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Take a good look at your family's feet. Yep, take off your shoes, take off your socks, and bravely glance downward at them. What do they look like? What if you were to smell your feet or even a family member's feet? Eww, right?

Did you know there are over 26 bones in your foot? God created our feet so that no two people have the exact same footprint (or toe-print). Most of us can count ten toes, but not everyone's toes are the same length. The average person under 18 years of age uses his or her feet to walk about 10,000-16,000 steps each day. Our feet are wonderful in the way they support our bodies and weight. Like a car, they transport us around each day.

But would you call them beautiful?

God describes what beautiful feet look like. He says the feet of those who bring good news are beautiful. We cheer for and hug the person who announces that it's a no school day or that we're going on vacation to Disney. But that is not the kind of good news God is talking about. The good news in today's Bible reading announces the best news ever: Jesus is your Savior. He loved you so much that he came to earth to live a perfect life and die for you, so that your sins can be forgiven and you can live forever with him in heaven.

God looks at your feet and considers them beautiful whenever you share the best news—the news that he so loved the world that he gave his life for us. God has chosen you to be the way that the world hears about him. Remember: "How can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Use your beautiful feet to go tell someone that God loves them. Use your beautiful feet to pray with someone who is hurting, to invite a teammate to church, to make God's love visible in your caring actions for others.

The questions below are to help families discuss this devotion. The questions are divided by age group as suggestions, but anyone could reflect on any of the questions as they desire.

Questions for the Younger Children

- Share some good news you heard about.
- What is the good news God shared with us in today's devotion?

Questions for Elementary Age Children

- Who has the most beautiful feet in your family?
- According to today's devotion, what makes *your* feet so beautiful?

Questions for Middle School and Above

- True or False: In a world of technology and mass communication, God doesn't really need my feet to share his good news.
- True or False: The beautiful thing about my feet is not the feet themselves, but the fact that they carry me to someone I can support with good news.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord, you have given us the blessings of faith in you, forgiveness of sins, and the hope of heaven. Thank you for our feet too. Help us to use them to share your good news with someone in need of it. Amen.