



## Beautiful Feet

*How beautiful are the feet that preach the Gospel!*



### WAKE UP CALL!

Thirty years ago, I recall an aging Christian man (named Jim)

sharing an experience that literally rocked his spiritual world. Jim's neighbor and friend, Bob, was mowing grass in the sweltering summer heat when suddenly, without warning, he had a massive stroke. Before this incident, Bob seemed to be in great physical shape! Two days before Bob's death, they had played 18 holes of rigorous golf. The evening of Bob's death, Jim had a horrific dream that would forever change his perspective on the urgent need to evangelize the world. He dreamt that his deceased neighbor was standing on a conveyor belt, moving toward a massive furnace bellowing out smoke and scorching flames. Jim, a dedicated member of a local Baptist church, realized this was an image of hell. Suddenly, Bob turned and locked eyes with Jim. Tears streaming down his cheeks, and with a trembling voice, Bob screamed out to Jim: "If you knew the way to heaven, why didn't you tell me! Why Jim! Why didn't you tell me about Jesus Christ? Why Jim! Why! As Bob was being engulfed in unquenchable flames, Jim abruptly awoke to a pounding heart and a sweaty brow. Lying in bed, Jim wept bitterly, realizing he could have possibly rescued Bob, his neighbor, and good friend, if he had taken the time to share with Bob the precious life-altering gospel.

I often wonder why believers are silent about the most important event in all of history—the cross and the empty tomb. I am shocked that those who embrace Christ as their personal Savior have little or no passion for the lost. Even more appalling is the lack of urgency seen by most congregations. The majority of churches in America rarely fill their baptistry. **Consequently, you and I must ask the question: If salvation is so precious and important to us, why don't we lift up our voices?** Some Christians believe that the "elect" (those predestined for salvation) will be saved regardless of what man does, and those not chosen before the foundation of the world will suffer eternal separation from a Holy God. This topic is too deep and has divided the body of Christ. Yet, to bring fairness and balance to the scriptures, the Bible emphatically declares that God wishes no one to perish (**1 Timothy 2:4 and 2 Peter 3:9**). Regardless of where one stands on this theological debate, we are commissioned by God to share the gospel and make disciples. **LISTEN:** Though a believer may not have the "gift" of evangelism, ALL believers should consistently and passionately share their life-changing testimony and the precious gospel. This whole discussion unearths a multitude of

questions regarding our evangelistic complacency, which I pray will pry open our eyes to the seriousness of the Great Commission. In other words:

- Do you believe there is a literal eternal hell reserved for those who have rejected the Savior?
- Are you sincerely concerned for those in the world who may die without Christ, especially those you rub elbows with each and every day? If so, am I consistently looking for openings to sow precious gospel seeds...seeking opportunities to share Christ?
- When you pray, do you often ask God to open a door for a divine breakthrough to share the gospel?
- Are you mentally and spiritually prepared to share the Good News with family, friends, and work associates? Do you have passages memorized (or your Bible marked) so you can share the Word with one who is open to receiving Christ?
- Have you ever prayed with someone to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior? If the answer is no, then my question is WHY NOT?

Many Christians in the USA raise funds for a two (2) week mission experience in a foreign country. Yet, how many do so with the intention and passion to share their testimony and the plan of salvation with those they meet? When team members muster up enough courage to share their faith with another, it "can" have a life-changing affect the hearer and the one sharing. However, most pastors tell me that the mission experience is short-lived and forgotten when their members come back from a foreign field. I believe one of the mandatory prerequisites for being part of a mission trip is having previously prayed with someone to accept Christ. Does that thought disturb you? Everything we accomplish on the mission field must have as its goal "redemption." Digging a well, feeding the hungry, building a house, and a host of other well-meaning projects must have as their primary goal winning the lost (which is the first step in making a disciple—Matt. 28:19ff). Once a person receives Christ, we are to help mold and shape (disciple) the new convert to grow in Christ.

In the Epistle of Romans, the Apostle Paul penned: "**And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things'**" Romans 10:15. Paul quoted an Old Testament passage from Isaiah 52:7, "**How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who say to Zion, your God reigns.**" **Are your feet beautiful to God's eyes?**

Rick Sadler



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