

Reach Out!

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!

Romans 10:15

If you asked for a list of my best physical features, I would list many traits before getting to my feet. As a result of my love of being barefoot, they are filled with tough callouses. And after a long day, they can get tired and sore. While I appreciate that my feet get me around, I surely don't consider them to be my most shining physical quality.

I may have a distinct opinion about my toes, but God has a different point of view:

Read: Romans 10:14-15

According to these verses, when are a person's feet beautiful?

When he mentions beautiful feet, Paul is making a reference to a passage from the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament.

Read Isaiah 52:7

List your thoughts from this passage:

I have a friend who first learned of the good news of salvation when she was in her forties. She often mentions that understanding what Jesus did for her changed her life in a wonderful way. Perhaps you have experienced or heard of a similar situation.



SHARE YOUR IDEAS

List ways that hearing the message of salvation and believing it can change a person's life.

Considering the blessings you came up with for the previous question:
Why do we want to have beautiful feet?

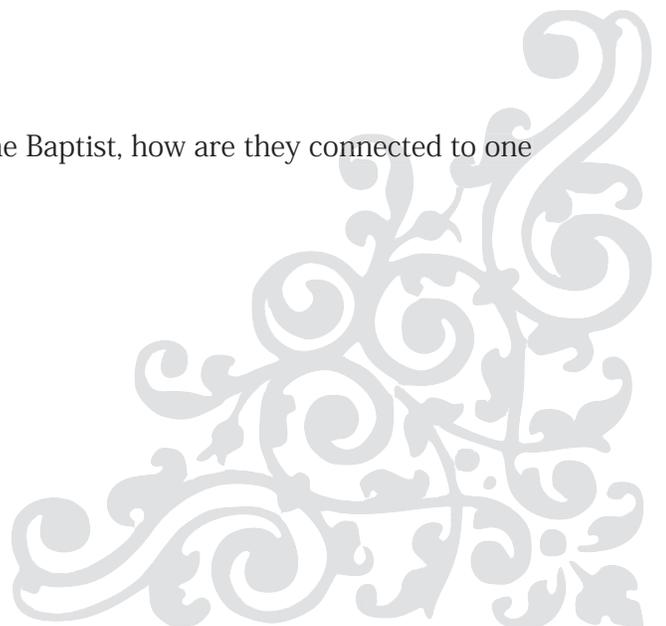
Read: John 1: 35-51

The apostle John sets the scene for us very specifically. The events of John chapter 1 take place in a remote area on the east side of the Jordan River. The events take place over the course of a few days. The disciples involved (Peter, Andrew, John, Philip, and Nathanael) were Galileans, far from their home, a distance of 146 kilometres. For people on foot, this is a considerable distance. Evidently they were absent from their jobs, on a pilgrimage trip to see and hear John the Baptist. The calls of these disciples of Jesus initiated with the words of John the Baptist: "Look, the Lamb of God."

Look at v. 35-42

Who are these two men? Besides their interest in John the Baptist, how are they connected to one another? (Luke 5:9-10)

What 's the first thing that Andrew did?



Read: John 1: 43-51

What is the first thing that Philip did upon being called by Jesus?

Read: verses 47-51

Briefly describe the conversation between Jesus and Nathanael.

How does Nathanael respond to Jesus' words?

How does Jesus prepare him for the ongoing relationship he wants to have with him?



SHARE YOUR SAVIOUR

Do you know Andrews? Peters? Philips or Nathanaels?

Andrew, the one who is eagerly searching and willing to learn about Jesus	John, the silent observer, who never misses a detail	Simon Peter, who needs to be brought to Jesus	Philip, who is moved by the more random exposure to God's Word	Nathanael, who needs proof before he will accept his brother's word



It is only by daily recharging in God's Word that we are able to reach out and encourage fellow believers and share the gospel with the unbelieving who we know.

Read Acts 14

Paul returns to Iconium where he was stoned to preach and to encourage the Christians there.

What does that tell you about the our call to reach out and encourage?

What are ways that we can reach out to other women? Both in our congregation and outside of it.

What can hinder us from reaching out or what can be a catalyst?

Read Acts 16:1-3

What is astounding about what is described?

How do we reach out?

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

1 Thessalonians 2:3

1 Thessalonians 4:1, 9-12

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-22

Lord, here am I: Your fire impart to this poor, cold, self-centred soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart and make a world for Christ my goal.

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