

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

Deep in my heart is a yearning to see people come to faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only way, the only truth, and the only life. With Christ, our lives are full and will never end. Without Christ our lives are completely empty. The only way to receive the gift of eternal life is through Jesus Christ our Lord. My heart aches to see people come to Christ because their eternal destiny is at stake. I know that heaven will be more populated because you and I opened our mouths to speak the Gospel of Jesus to those who do not know him. Our lives show the life of Jesus and by speaking the good news about Jesus, people are brought to faith in Christ and into the church.

My vision is for everyone here to spend time out there simply being who you are in Christ, living out the Christian life, and giving out the good news of Jesus within the context of your own personality and with the spiritual gifts God has given to you. This includes introverts who would rather crawl under a rug than speak to a stranger, let alone pray with another person, and it includes every Christian because God has uniquely gifted you in a way that no one else is and God wants to use you in that wonderful unique way.

Some of you here think that it is easy for me to do this and after I tell my stories of speaking to outsiders it makes you never even want to try because you think, "I could never do what pastor does nor do I even want too. I think Pastor is too forward anyway." What gives him the right to stop policemen and women and pray with them? I'm embarrassed by Pastor Breum.

Let me remind you that God has uniquely gifted every Christian to tell God's story in a way that is fitting to your spiritual gifts and your personality. I have been reminded that it is not helpful to say that if a first grader can do it so can you as an adult. **Jeremiah 1:7-8(NLT)** ⁷The LORD replied, "Don't say, 'I'm too young,' for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. ⁸And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you.

I, the LORD, have spoken!" I have been so impressed with the young people of this church in the way they tell God's story to others. People are coming to Jesus and growing in Jesus because of the personal witness of our young people. We are raising a group of young Christians who boldly speak of the Christian faith to their peers and may their numbers only increase. They are becoming a bunch of Jeremiahs and I would add Isaiahs.

In one sentence here is the vision. God has brought you to faith in Jesus Christ, given to you your own personality, uniquely spiritually gifted you with several gifts, so you can be used of God to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ and into the church. That is everything I have been trying to say for 30 plus years in the ministry in one sentence.

Point 1. God wants you to have beautiful feet. **Romans 10:14-15(NLT)** ¹⁴But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" Back in the day news came to towns through runners and they often ran barefoot to bring news about a victory of war or whatever. When they brought good news, did their tired feet ever look beautiful. People can never hear the Good News unless someone speaks it and I believe every Christian has the ability to do it in your own unique way with your own unique personality using the spiritual gifts God has given to you. God loves every person. God wants all to be saved. It is my opinion there are people in your life just waiting to hear what you have to say. I said that wrong. There are people in your life just waiting to hear what God has to say through you. In a Bible study where this was being discussed some time ago a person said, "I show my witness of Jesus by the way I live. I don't shove my religion down anyone's throat." I immediately spoke up, "Wrong." I have never heard one testimony go like this. "I came to faith in Jesus Christ because all the Christians around me remained silent." No people come to Christ because

someone cares enough to speak of the importance of surrendering one's life to Jesus. People cannot hear unless we speak.

Last week I used this illustration so I will not repeat it, but I will give the point. A devout atheist was brought into the faith of Christ because a stranger spoke to him outside of a bar and said, "God loves you and your mother is praying for you." The atheist was college-trained and super smart. He became an atheist by choice. That one sentence spoken outside of a bar was used of God to turn his life around. Yes, the young man's mother was on her knees praying for her son. The person speaking to the young man did not have all the answers to every atheist's questions, but he knew Jesus and the Holy Spirit of God gave him the insight of the praying mother. The sharer of the good news was following the leading of the Holy Spirit. God is so powerful that God can give the Good News through you and it may only be one sentence that you need to say. It is time for us all to get a grip on this and stop being silent Christians. There are too many souls at stake to be quiet. God is sending us out every week to be the giver of God's truth that will save people for eternity. They cannot hear unless we speak so please have beautiful feet.

My second point is God calls us all to be a go-go group of Christians. We are a group of goers. We have beautiful feet so we can go and speak about God so people can believe and be baptized and never condemned. Go, Go, Go and tell. The Bible says **Mark 16:15-16(NLT)**
¹⁵And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. ¹⁶Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. Please be a goer and not a sitter. **Psalms 96:3b (Message)** "Take the news of God's glory to the lost, news of His wonders to one and all!

Last week's sermon speaking on the power of the Holy Spirit was preparation for this week's sermon. I should say since last week's sermon had 27 points, this sermon shall remain

pointless. The Bible says, **Acts 1:8(NLT)** ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere.

The third and last point of the sermon is this. God has given you everything you need to tell people about Jesus. The Holy Spirit resides within empowering you to do so. You have the Good News of Jesus inside of you just bursting to get out. May the Lord God forgive us for resisting the Holy Spirit's power by our silence.

Point 1. God wants you to have beautiful feet. "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" The second point is God calls us all to be a go-go group of Christians. ¹⁵And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. And thirdly, God has everything you need to tell people about Jesus. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere."

God has brought you to faith in Jesus Christ, given to you your own personality, uniquely spiritually gifted you with several gifts, so you can be used of God to bring persons to faith in Jesus Christ and into the church. What beautiful feet you have. Amen and Amen.