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## Focus on Jesus

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### TODAY'S READING: Romans 10

You can enter the self-help section in a bookstore without a care in the world, only to leave with at least three self-diagnosed problems. People get paid good money to point out every flaw and vice we could have. Colorful, catchy phrases of quick fixes catch our attention on the book shelf. Buy our books; buy freedom!

In Romans 10:1-4, the apostle Paul describes how people were creating a similar wave of emotions with their religious advice. The nation of Israel had great enthusiasm and passion when it came to God—traits we all want to have. But, their enthusiasm was not rooted in the understanding of who Jesus is. Instead, they were devoted to practicing their own ways of being godly.

However passionate and sincere their deeds were, they would not lead them to salvation, and the same is true for us. We can spend years meditating, soul searching, and self-helping our way to what we think godliness looks like. But trying to become better people takes our focus off where it needs to be—on Jesus. Jesus is the only person who has ever lived a sinless, good life. Godliness does not come from doing more; it comes from putting our faith in Jesus and following His example every day.

All around us are friends and family desperately searching books and programs for the goodness in life only Jesus can bring. Paul writes, “...*How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news!*” Let's put our feet in action to bring someone the Good News!

**PRAYER:** Lord, I know only You can save. Thank You for making a way, through Jesus, to have a relationship with You. Help me follow Jesus in all I do.

### TOMORROW'S READING: Romans 11

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