



Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may
have *life*

When Love Opens the Door

John 14:15, 21-27



1. *Love is like a door the Holy Spirit opens – yet, the door hinges so it swings both ways.*

A. *God opens first.*

- *John 3:16, 6:44*

B. *We respond to His opening.*

- *John 1:11-12.*
- *John 14:15 “If you love Me, you will keep my commandments... ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; ...*



Do you think “background noise” impacts our *willingness to open the door of our minds to the Holy Spirit?*





*The door to heart-felt obedience
isn't duty– it's my love for Jesus.*



2. To know and keep the commands of Jesus out of love for Jesus is a condition to divine revelation in every generation.

1. Middle schooler/high schooler.

- 1. Relationship with God and His plan for my life.*
- 2. Family and home.*
- 3. School, athletics, music..., work, retirement...*
- 4. Friends and peers.*
- 5. Identify and self-worth in Christ.*
- 6. Sexual purity.*

2. Young adults – married/single

3. Middlers - married/widowed

4. Seasoned citizens – married/widowed





- *When my love for Christ changes my behavior, the door of divine self-disclosure has opened – both ways.*
- A. *If you love me:*
 1. V21. *“know my commandments.”*
 2. V15, 21, 23, 24. *“keep my commandments.”*
 3. *Obedience is the fruit of love (not duty).*
- B. *The “Helper” will do this:*
 1. V21. *You shall be loved by My Father*
 2. V21. *I shall love you.*
 3. V21. *I shall disclose myself to you.*
 4. V23. *My Father will love you.*
 5. V23. *We will come to you.*
 6. V23. *We will make our abode with you.*



*Do you think there is a more effective motivator for self-disclosure than **time-with**?*





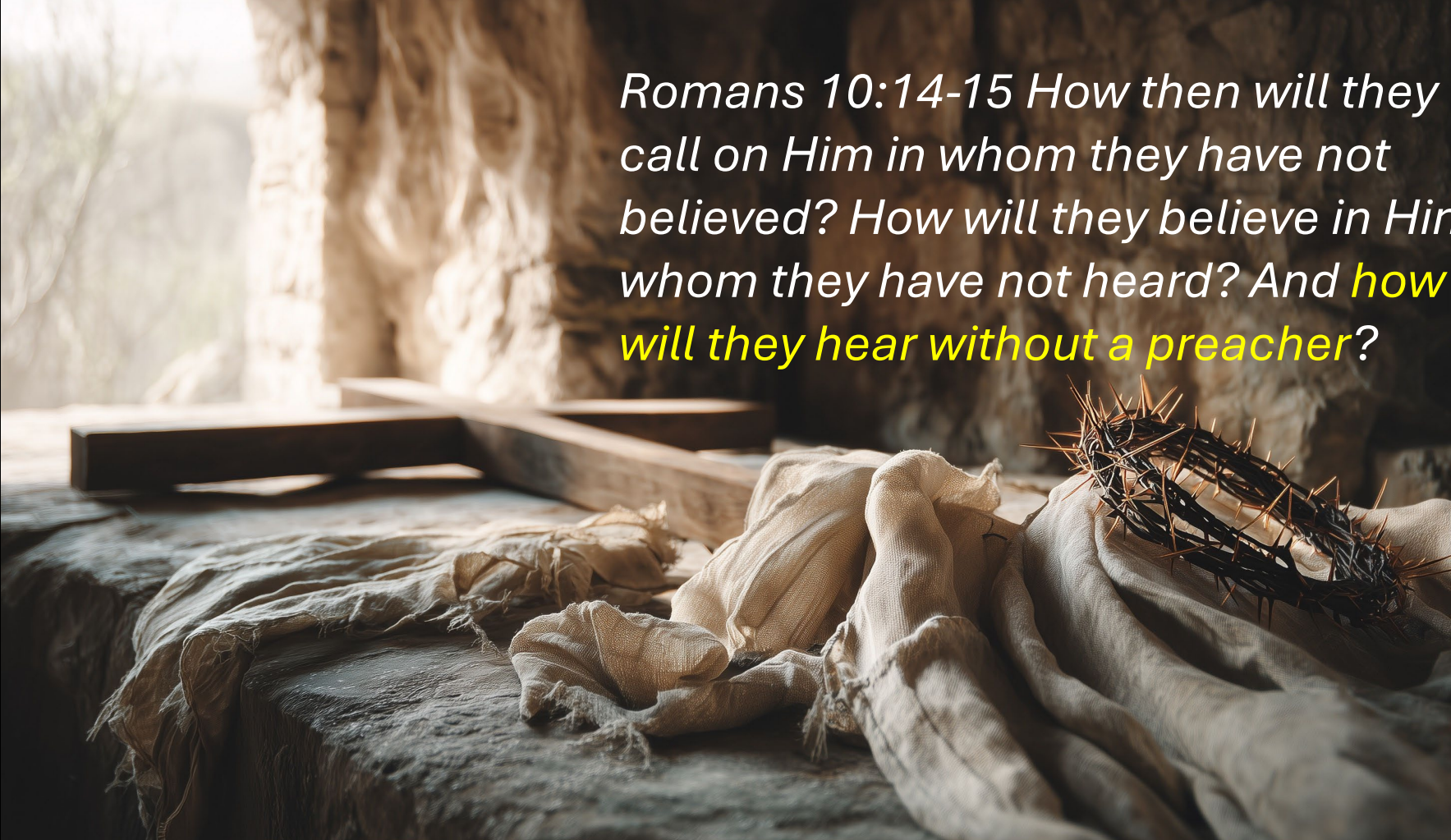
*The door to heart-felt obedience
isn't duty– it's my love for Jesus.
My love for Jesus is best impacted
with “time-with” Jesus.*

Do you think “background noise” impacts our kid’s openness to “time with” Jesus?



Do you think satan is a master at filling our lives with “stuff” to keep us away from “time with” Jesus?

3. *Love is our response to the self-disclosure of Jesus.
The **ultimate expression** of that love is to reveal
Jesus to someone around you.*

A photograph of a tomb with a stone rolled away, showing a cross and a crown of thorns. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from a window on the left, creating a somber and reflective atmosphere. The cross is made of dark wood and lies horizontally. The crown of thorns is made of dark, sharp thorns and lies on the right side of the tomb. The tomb itself is made of rough, light-colored stone.

*Romans 10:14-15 How then will they
call on Him in whom they have not
believed? How will they believe in Him
whom they have not heard? And **how
will they hear without a preacher?***



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Has your love for Jesus changed
volunteering to calling by Jesus?*

Call to Action

- 1. Name one source of background noise in your life. Surrender it to Jesus. Put it at his feet. Open the door of faith and believe Him for the outcome.*
- 2. Is God calling you to be the “preacher” for kids in your home? Your church? Answer the call by praying back to him what you have heard Him say this morning.*
- 3. Pray for your church staff as we develop a new plan for “time with” Jesus for kids and adults on Sundays. Pray for strength for me to shepherd this household of Christ.*