Hear. Believe. Call.

The Human Right
Romans 10:13-15
Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. 13 For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 14 But 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? 15 And 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!”
Our Purpose - John the Baptist

John 1:19-23

19 This was John’s testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, “Who are you?” 20 He came right out and said, “I am not the Messiah.” 21 “Well then, who are you?” they asked. “Are you Elijah?” “No,” he replied. “Are you the Prophet we are expecting?” “No.” 22 “Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you have to say about yourself?” 23 John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah: “I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Clear the way for the Lord’s coming!’”
Hearing

Matthew 11:15 (NLT)

Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

How Do we get them to hear?
Hearing

Remove the Barriers

- Stepping out - Share Your Faith
  - Romans 10:17 (NLT)
    - So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.
  - We must equip ourselves
  - When is the last time you led someone to Christ?
Hearing

Remove the Barriers: Give - Work Your Faith

* Time - Community Service/Serve in the local church
  * Hebrews 13:6 (ESV)
  * Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
  * Philippians 2:4 (ESV)
  * Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
Hearing

**Remove the Barriers: Give - Work Your Faith**

- Serving in your local church
- Acts of love and kindness
- Finances - Tithes & Offering
Hearing

Remove the Barriers - Work Your Faith

James 2:14-17 (NLT)

14 What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? 15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, 16 and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? 17 So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.
Hearing

* Remove the Barriers - Work Your Faith

* Finances - Tithes & Offerings/Missions

* Luke 6:38 (NLT)

  * Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

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Hearing

Remove the Barriers - Work Your Faith

- Prayer - Intercession

1 Timothy 2:1 (NLT)

- I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.
Believe

Faith & Obedience

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.
Believe

Faith & Obedience

Acts 16: 25-31 (NLT)

25 Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. 26 Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! 27 The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. 28 But Paul shouted to him, “Stop! Don’t kill yourself! We are all here!” 29 The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.”
Believe

Believe in God

* Look at God’s Track Record in the Bible
  * Noah - Ark
  * Moses - Egypt/Red Sea/Wilderness
  * Ruth - Lost her family/Boaz found her working
  * Job - lost everything/Double Portion
Believe

Believe in God

- Look at God’s Track Record in the Bible
  - Lot - Delivered from Sodom & Gomorrah
  - Abraham - Promise Child/Ram in the bush/Nations
  - Esther - Made Queen to save her nation
  - 3 Hebrew Boys - Fiery Furnace
Believe in God

Look at God’s Track Record in the Bible

* John 3:16 - Sent Jesus Christ

* Jesus healed - Woman with the issue of blood

* Walked on water, calmed the storm, fed 5,000 plus

* Jesus raised the dead - Jairus’ daughter, Lazurus, widow’s son.... HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD

* Turned Saul into Paul - Road to Damascus
Believe
Know His Promises for your Life

Deuteronomy 31:6

So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.” (NLT)

“Be strong. Take courage. Don’t be intimidated. Don’t give them a second thought because God, your God, is striding ahead of you. He’s right there with you. He won’t let you down; he won’t leave you.” (MSG)

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” (NIV)
Believe

* Revelation 12:11 (NLT)

  * And they defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.

* Acts 1:8 (AMP)

  * But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”
Call

- God calls us to Him
- We call out to God
- God gives us a calling
Call

* God calls us to Him

* 1 Samuel 3:1-10

* Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” 5 and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.
Call

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1 Samuel 3:1-10

6 And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”
Call

*We call out to God - CRY OUT*

*Psalms 34:6 (ESV)*

* This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

*Jeremiah 33:3 (NJKV)*

* ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’
Call

Characteristics of a Cry or Calling Out

• Crying out to God is an act of desperation and total concentration. It is a fervent expression of faith in God and trust in His goodness and power to act on your behalf. Crying out to God expresses the following traits:
Call

• Genuine humility

It is hard for people to admit that they cannot solve a problem or overcome an obstacle, but it is true that we need God’s help. He delights in a broken and contrite heart that humbly seeks His aid. “. . . He forgetteth not the cry of the humble” Psalm 9:12 (KJV)
Call

- Unconditional surrender

- When a situation becomes so desperate that only God can deliver you, a cry represents total, unconditional surrender. Don’t try to bargain with God—leave your life in His hands. “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me” Psalm 66:18 (KJV)
Call

• A plea for mercy

• Apart from Christ, we have no value that merits God’s favor. When driven to a point of despair or destruction, your unworthiness before God often becomes more apparent, and it can motivate you to cry out to Him for mercy. “It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness” Lamentations 3:22–23 (KJV)
Call

- Personal helplessness

- Do you tend to believe that you need God’s help with only the really hard things? Remember, Jesus said, “Without me ye can do nothing” John 15:5 (KJV)
Call

• Faith in God’s power and resources

• Your cry to God acknowledges God’s ability to do what no one else can do. During the storm on the Sea of Galilee, the disciples acknowledged Jesus’ power to rescue them when they cried out, “Lord, save us: we perish” Matthew 8:25 (KJV)
Call

- Desperation

- Crying out to God is an admission of one’s need for God. The psalmist declared, “In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears” Psalm 18:6 (KJV)
Call

* God gives us a calling

* Ephesians 4:1-3 (NLT)

* 4 Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. 2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. 3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. 4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.
Call

God gives us a calling

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.