



# Talk it Over

PASTOR DAVE - ROMANS ISRAEL I – 2/15/26

## **KEY SCRIPTURE**

### **Romans 9:22–33**

22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?

23 And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

25 As He says also in Hosea, "I will call those who were not My people, 'My people, 'And her who was not beloved, 'beloved.' "

26 "And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, 'you are not My people, 'There they shall be called sons of the living God."

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved;

28 for the Lord will execute His word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly."

29 And just as Isaiah foretold, "Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left to us a posterity, We would have become like Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah."

30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness which is by faith; 31 but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law.

32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone,

33 just as it is written, "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock

of offense, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

## **START TALKING**

Pastor Dave said that singing the phrase "This is my confidence, You've never failed me yet," feels different the older you get. Discuss how confidence in God can increase as we get older.

## **START DISCUSSING**

### **GOD DEMONSTRATION**

**Read Romans 9:22-23**

**What are the ways that God demonstrates His wrath?**

**When can we see God make His power known?**

**How is God's patience seen?**

**What are some of the "riches of His glory" made known?**

### **GOD CALLS GENTILES "MY PEOPLE"**

**Read Romans 9:24-26**

God distinctly set Israel apart from the rest of the people of the world and called them "His people."

**How significant is it to read that those who were "not My people" are to be called "My people"?**

**How does this impact you if you are not Jewish?**

### **THE PROPHETS WROTE CENTURIES BEFORE**

**Read Romans 9:27-29**

Paul explains that God was not surprised by Israel's rejection of the Messiah. Micah wrote that outsiders would become "My People." And Isaiah wrote that "Only a remnant of Israel would be saved."

**How is our faith strengthened to know that centuries before Jesus, the prophets wrote that what seemed like a catastrophe, Israel's rejection and then disbelief in the gospel, was part of God's plan?**

### **STUMBLING STONE - OFFENDING ROCK**

**Read Romans 10:30-33**

Paul calls the fact that salvation is by faith and not by works a "Stumbling Stone or an "Offending Rock." This is especially true for the self-sufficient.

**Discuss how the gospel of salvation by faith is counterintuitive.**

**Why does the gospel cause some to stumble or be offended?**

**What are the ways that we can overcome these objections?**

### **NOT DISAPPOINTED**

Pastor Dave ended his message with the phrase that Paul writes to end this section, "And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

**Do you believe that promise is true?**

**How can we more tightly cling to this truth when we doubt?**

**What Scriptures, practices, or people do you turn to in times of doubt?**