

The Quiet Revival a 2025 report by the **Bible Society**:

“Instead of a continuing *decline* we see *explosive growth*; instead of a Church populated predominantly by older women, we see a rising number of men and younger generations joining. As a result, the Church is not just growing but *transforming*, with young adults leading the way. Alongside an increase in churchgoing, we are seeing *warmth* to Christianity and the Bible across the population. This data shows *interest and openness* towards engagement with Church, the Bible, and faith more generally – once again, particularly among young adults. This creates an *enormous opportunity* for churches and Christian organisations, and our research shows that relationships must be at the heart of this.” *Italics mine.*



ALL FOR JESUS – week 2 – **Hands and feet (everything).**

From the hymn by Frances Ridley Havergal written on 4th Feb 1874:

Take my hands and let them move the impulse of my love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

SONGS OF WORSHIP – Songs like *Build my life* (Pat Barrett) or *Mighty to save* (Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan) will fit with the theme for this week.

BIBLE PASSAGES referred to in the video:

Colossians 3:15-17, 22-24 and **Ephesians 6:13-17**

Optional passage **Isaiah 52:7-10** a prophetic passage about good news coming to Jerusalem.

THEMES EXPLORED this week:

There are 2 themes corresponding to the 2 parts of the 2nd verse of the hymn.

- (i) Offering everything we do with our hands i.e. work, hobbies, leisure, creativity etc for the *blessing of others and the glory of God... with love as our motivation.*
- (ii) ‘*Stepping out*’ and being used by God as a messenger of the good news as we go about our lives.

HEADLINES FROM THE VIDEO

There's a positive affirmation of all things practical! Jesus was a carpenter. Although He knew He was going to be the Saviour of the world, He did His carpentry for the glory of God and the blessing of everybody. Paul encourages the Colossians to do everything for the glory of God and to work as for the Lord.

Jonathan says, *"God is doing something new in our nation. More and more people are interested in God. They know that secularism has failed them. They're wondering about church. They're thinking about reading the bible. They're looking for an invitation to church. Many of them would respond positively to an offer of prayer. So as you are going about your daily life at home, at work, with friends, listen out for the nudges of the Spirit. That means you offer to pray for someone or share something of your faith or invite someone to church or perhaps ask if they'd like to have a Bible or a gospel."*

USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO CLARIFY AND DRAW OUT THE THEME(S):

Colossians 3:15-17, 22-24 and Ephesians 6:13-17 (Optional passage Isaiah 52:7-10)

Beginning with life at home, at work, with family, with friends or neighbours...

- Do you feel fulfilled or frustrated in what you do with your time?
- Does Paul's exhortation reassure, encourage or challenge you today?
- Has there been a time in your life when you felt a clear sense of calling or 'vocation'?
- In what way do you feel you are 'working for the Lord' in your life now?

Both the New Testament passages speak about *peace* (the peace of Christ/ the gospel of peace)

- How have you experienced this peace? Is anything robbing you of peace?
- How do you find peace when the storms come? Do you need help or prayer?

Swift and beautiful feet

- Do you have a story to share about 'stepping out' or responding to a Holy Spirit 'nudge'?
- What do you think Frances is trying to express here? What might it mean for you?

"God is doing something new..." (see highlights above)

- What have you seen or noticed? In your 'circle' of contacts or at church?
- What does it mean for you to have your 'feet fitted with readiness' (Eph 6v15)?

MAKE IT PERSONAL – BEAUTIFUL FEET

Take a blank sheet of paper and then take off your shoes and socks.

Draw around your feet! Write a prayer in response to the invitation/ challenge in this week's study.



GROWING IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP

Drawing on the gospels and some key discipleship books, we have discerned a balanced, rounded framework for discipleship today which encompasses the life-giving habits for disciples walking in the way of Jesus today. It can be expressed in simple pictures:

heart, head, hands and feet

When Jesus invited people to **follow him**, they literally *walked alongside him* from place to place. Gospels like Mark emphasise what took place *on the way or along the road*. We are choosing the word 'pathway' to provide a framework or pattern for following Jesus *today*. In the coming year, we will be developing this framework with discipleship pathways such as the *Encounter Pathway*.

Jesus also used several word pictures for discipleship: *a cross to be taken up, an easy yoke, a narrow path*. None describe a life of ease or comfort! They express the need for a 'commitment' and present the challenge of 'counting the cost'. In **ALL FOR JESUS**, we are inviting people to use the season of Lent to 'take stock' of their commitment to following Jesus as a 21st century disciple.

This week, there's an emphasis on **hands and feet**. The questions help us to reflect on what we're taking away by way of *learning and encouragement... and challenge!*

It would be helpful to give group members a copy of this page 😊

Area of our discipleship	In words...	Key thought explored in this study	A question to consider
	Loving Jesus	The hymn speaks of 'the impulse of Thy love'.	Have you done something recently as a joyful response to the love of Jesus? Be specific...
	Learning from Jesus	Not explored this week.	
	Imitating Jesus	We serve God and bless others in practical ways.	In what ways could I be a blessing to others in a practical way?
	Sharing Jesus	As we go, expect nudges from the Holy Spirit to share something with other people.	When was the last time I stepped out of my comfort zone to invite someone, to speak about my faith or to offer to pray? Could I be open to this going forward?