

God Has Not Rejected His People

Romans: The Power of the Gospel

Passage: Romans 11:1-24

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II. The Callus (vv. 7-10)

III. They Tripped, They Did Not Fall (vv. 11-16)

IV. The Olive Tree (vv. 17-24)

MISSIONAL COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

1. **What stands out to you most from Romans 11:1–24?** Why?
2. **In verses 1–6, how does Paul show that God has not rejected His people?** What does the example of Elijah teach us about God’s faithfulness?
3. **What does Paul mean by “a remnant chosen by grace” (vv. 5–6)?** How is grace different from earning God’s favor?
4. **In verses 7–10, Paul describes some as hardened.** What do you think happens when people repeatedly resist God’s grace?
5. **According to verses 11–12, what did Israel’s stumbling accomplish in God’s larger plan?** What does this teach us about how God can work even through human failure?
6. **Paul uses the picture of an olive tree in verses 17–24.** What do the natural branches and the wild branches represent?
7. **Why does Paul warn Gentile believers not to become arrogant toward the Jewish people (vv. 17–21)?** What attitudes might Christians need to guard against today?
8. **Verse 20 says, “You stand fast through faith.”** How does this remind us that salvation is ultimately dependent on God’s grace rather than our own goodness?
9. **What do verses 22–24 teach us about both God’s kindness and His severity?** Why is it important to keep both together?
10. **Where are you most tempted toward pride, comparison, or looking down on others spiritually?** How does Romans 11 challenge that attitude?
11. **What does this passage teach us about God’s faithfulness when circumstances seem to suggest that He has forgotten or abandoned someone?**
12. **What is one specific way you can respond this week with greater humility, gratitude, or trust in God’s grace?**

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