Text: Romans 10:13-15, Matthew 9:35-38

• Why are so many men of all ages saying, "No!" to God's Call (or even the Thought of Pastoring...) and What Can Crossroads Do to Help Them?

Romans 10:13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

40 Years: Where Have All The Pastors Gone? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

40 Years: Where Have All The Pastors Gone? Matt. 9:35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

40 Years: Where Have All The Pastors Gone? ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd

40 Years: Where Have All The Pastors Gone? ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

40 Years: Where Have All The Pastors Gone? ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

1. Family <u>Negative</u> Influence (and Very Few Women See **Themselves as Possible** Ministry Wives)

2. We Need to Encourage and Train at a Young Age (and Tell Them to Quit Waiting for the **Lightning Bolt!**)

3. **Bad Churches (or Deacons or Power** Families)...Let's Warn Them and Help Them

4. Finances (It's Not 1980

Anymore)

5. Their Own Arrogance

40 Years: Where Have All The Pastors Gone? 6. Yes, Ministry is Hard -Sometimes Impossible; But They Must Trust God, period!

How will they HEAR without a preacher Romans 10:24

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