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## Monthly Devotional October 2025

#### Called to Share the Good News

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

#### Reflection:

October brings with it a sense of community—fall festivals, football games, and neighborhood gatherings where people come together. In God's providence, these rhythms of life provide natural bridges for us to build relationships and conversations. For the church, this is more than just a season of activity—it is a season of opportunity.

At the heart of our calling as believers is the Great Commission. Jesus, risen and reigning, declared, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Before He sent His disciples out, He reminded them of His ultimate authority. Evangelism, therefore, does not begin with our ability but with Christ's lordship. When we open our mouths to share the gospel, we are not speaking for ourselves we are representing the King of kings who has promised His presence.

Many Christians hesitate when it comes to evangelism. Some feel unqualified, worrying they will not have all the answers. Others feel intimidated by rejection, fearing awkwardness or resistance. Still others struggle with distraction, simply going about their routines without thinking of eternal matters. But evangelism is not about being eloquent, persuasive, or perfect—it is about being faithful. The gospel itself is the power of God for salvation (Romans 1:16), and our role is simply to plant the seed and trust God for the growth.

Evangelism is not just for preachers, missionaries, or those with "outgoing personalities." It is the privilege and responsibility of every follower of Jesus. Acts 1:8 reminds us that we are Christ's witnesses, empowered by the Holy Spirit, starting right where we are. Our homes, our workplaces, our schools, and even our social gatherings in October can become places of gospel witness. When we see our everyday interactions as divine appointments, evangelism shifts from being a task we fear to a lifestyle we embrace.

Furthermore, evangelism is not just about duty—it is about love. If we truly believe that eternal life is found only in Christ, then to remain silent is unloving. To speak of Jesus is to extend hope, peace, and forgiveness that people desperately need. In a season when people are seeking belonging and meaning, we have the privilege of pointing them to the One who offers eternal life and true rest.

As a church body, evangelism should be part of our DNA—not occasional, but continual; not reserved for special programs, but woven into our daily lives. We are the light of the world and the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13–16). The world does not need a silent church—it needs a bold, compassionate, Christ-centered church.

#### Personal Challenge: This month, commit to sharing the gospel personally:

- Write down the name of one person God has placed on your heart who does not know Christ. Pray for them daily and ask the Lord to open a door for you to share the gospel.
- Look for ways to bring Jesus naturally into your conversations—through your testimony, a Scripture verse, or simply by offering to pray for someone's need.
- Set a goal: by the end of October, take one concrete step to speak of Christ with that person.

### As a church body, let us move together with purpose:

**Corporate Challenge:** 

Dedicate October as a month of prayer for the lost in our community.

- Plan one church-wide outreach activity or encourage every small group/class to engage in inten-
- tional outreach. Share testimonies of gospel conversations during worship or fellowship, so that encouragement
- and accountability grow within the body. **Prayer.** Heavenly Father, we pray together as Your church. Make us a people who are bold in evan-

gelism and tender in compassion. Open doors for us to share the gospel in our families, neighbor-

hoods, and workplaces. Let our church be a light in this community, pointing many to the saving power of Jesus Christ. Unite us in this mission, and may we rejoice together as we see lives transformed by the gospel. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

#### (ESV) But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

**October 2025 Memory Verses** 

always be ready to explain it.

Week 1 <u>1 Peter 3:15</u>

**(KJV)** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give nan answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear

(NLT) Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer,

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Week 2 Numbers 23:19

(ESV) God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will

(NLT) God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spo-

**(KJV)** God is not a man, that he should lie; Neither the son of man, that he should repent: Hath he said, and shall

Week 3 2 Peter 3:9

ken and failed to act?

(ESV) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise vas some count slowness, but wis patient toward you, not wishing

that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (KJV) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-

(NLT) The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

## Week 4 Isaiah 55:8

could imagine."

**(ESV)** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

**(KJV)** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

(NLT) "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you