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Isaiah 43:10(a)

“You are MY witnesses,” declares the Lord...

A witness is a person who knows something and tells other people about it. Jesus wants you to be a witness for HIM. Jesus wants you to tell other people about HIM. Tell people that Jesus loves them. That Jesus died for them. Tell people how they can be saved.

God, I want to tell people about YOU. Today help me tell someone that YOU love them and died for them. Amen.

NOVEMBER 2

Isaiah 43:10(b)

... “and MY servant whom I have chosen...”

God wants you to be a witness for HIM. God also wants you to serve HIM. What does a servant do? A servant **obeys** his master. If Jesus is your Savior, HE is also your Master. We are servants of Jesus. We should **obey** HIM. We should **obey** HIS Word, the Bible.

God, I want to be YOUR obedient servant. Even when it is hard, help me obey YOUR Word. Amen.

NOVEMBER 3

I Chronicles 29:11

YOURS, O Lord, is the greatness... power... glory...majesty...for everything in heaven and earth is YOURS...

People brought many gifts to King David. They wanted to help build the temple of God. David was not proud that **he** was building the temple. In front of all the people David praised God. Don't be proud when God uses you to do something important. Thank God and praise HIM.

God, thank YOU that I can serve YOU. Help me always thank and praise YOU for the opportunity to serve YOU. Amen.

NOVEMBER 4

Philippians 4:6(a)

Do not be anxious (worry) about anything...

Worry is thinking about our problems all the time. The Bible tells us to not worry. Worry is a sin. When we worry, we are not trusting God. If you are worried, what should you do? Pray. Give God your problem. Trust HIM.

God, I worry. Forgive me for not trusting YOU. I know YOU love me. YOU care for me. Help me trust YOU. Amen.

NOVEMBER 5

Psalm 37: 7(a)

Be still (quiet) before the Lord and wait patiently for HIM...

When we have problems we should not worry. We should pray and trust God. We must also be quiet before the Lord. Calm. Don't always be busy. Don't always hurry. Be quiet and wait. God will show you what to do. Be quiet and listen to HIM.

God, when I have problems help me be quiet and wait and listen. Thank YOU for showing me what to do. Amen.

NOVEMBER 6

Luke 6:46

“Why do you call ME, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

Many people listened to Jesus. Some truly believed. They followed and obeyed Jesus. But many just “acted religious”. But they didn't really believe in Jesus. They didn't do what HE said. Jesus says if you call HIM ‘Lord’, you must obey HIM.

Jesus, YOU are my Savior and Lord. I belong to YOU. Help me obey YOU in everything. Amen.

NOVEMBER 7

Luke 8:5(a), 11(b)

A farmer went out to sow his seed... The seed is the Word of God.

Jesus told a story about witnessing. A farmer planted seeds. The “seed” is God's Word. Some people hear about Jesus but don't believe. Some people hear and believe, but later quit. Some people hear but don't put God first. Some hear, believe, and follow God.

God, I want to tell people about Jesus. I pray they will listen to the Truth. And that they will believe YOU and follow YOU. Amen.

NOVEMBER 8

Luke 8:50

...Jesus said to Jairus, “Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”

Jairus' daughter, age 12, was dying. Jairus asked Jesus to come to his house. But before they got home, she died. Jesus told Jairus, “Don't be afraid... believe.” Jairus didn't understand. But Jairus trusted Jesus. He believed Jesus. Even when we don't understand, we must trust and believe.

God, many times I don't understand why. Help me trust YOU. Help me believe YOU. YOU always do what is right. Amen.

NOVEMBER 9

Luke 22:61

The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered... “... you will disown (deny) ME 3 times.”

Peter was a strong, brave man. But he was afraid. Jesus was on trial before Pilate. Outside, Peter was standing near the fire. Three times someone asked Peter if he knew Jesus. And 3 times Peter said “NO”. Peter forgot to trust Jesus to help him say NO to temptation.

God, every day Satan tempts me to sin. Help me say NO to temptation. I do not want to sin. I want to obey YOU. Amen.

NOVEMBER 10

Mark 16:7(a)

But go, tell HIS disciples and Peter...

Peter denied Jesus. Did Jesus kick Peter out? No. Jesus still loved Peter. Jesus forgave Peter. Jesus wanted Peter to become a leader in the church. Jesus knows when we are afraid, when we fail, when we sin. HE forgives us. HE wants us to continue to follow HIM.

God, every day I sin against YOU. I am sorry. Please forgive me. Help me faithfully follow YOU and serve YOU. Amen.

NOVEMBER 11

James 2:23(b)

...Abraham...was called God's friend.

God called Abraham HIS friend. Abraham had great faith in God. He believed God. He lived right before God. God talked with Abraham. God had fellowship with him. Abraham truly was a friend of God. God wants to have fellowship with you too. HE wants you to be HIS friend.

God, I want to have fellowship with YOU. Every day help me make time to talk to YOU and read YOUR Word. Amen.

NOVEMBER 12

Genesis 19:14(b)

...He (Lot) said, “...the Lord is about to destroy the city!” But his sons-in-law thought he (Lot) was joking.

Lot lived in Sodom. God planned to destroy Sodom. God sent angels to warn Lot to escape. Lot told his sons-in-law. But they didn't believe Lot. Why? Probably Lot never told them about God. Lot was not a good testimony. He had not faithfully followed God like his uncle Abraham.

God, I want to be faithful to YOU. Help me be a good testimony so people will want to follow Jesus too. Amen.

NOVEMBER 13

Psalm 91:4(a)

HE will cover you with HIS feathers, and under HIS wings you will find refuge (safety)...

What a lovely picture of God. A mother hen always protects her baby chicks. If there is danger, the mother hen hides her baby chicks under her wings. There they are safe. God is like that! No matter what happens, God is with you. HE will comfort you. HE will take care of you.

God, when I am afraid, help me trust YOU. YOU love me. YOU take care of me. I am safe with YOU. Amen.

NOVEMBER 14

John 9:25(b), 34(b)

He replied, "...One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"... And they threw him out.

This man was born blind. Jesus healed him. The religious leaders were angry. They hated Jesus. They threw the man out of the church. Sometimes it is hard to follow Jesus. The "world" is not always nice to you. Don't give-up. Be faithful to Jesus.

God, sometimes it is hard to be a Christian. Satan wants me to give up. Help me faithfully follow YOU. Amen.

NOVEMBER 15

John 9:38

Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped HIM.

Jesus healed the blind man. But the religious leaders threw the blind man out of the temple. Later he met Jesus. He said to Jesus, "I believe." He worshipped Jesus. When he had problems, he didn't give up. He found Jesus, the Truth. He believed. He worshipped HIM.

God, when I have problems, help me trust YOU. Help me believe in YOU, not doubt. Thank YOU for helping me. Amen.

NOVEMBER 16

Genesis 12:1, 4(a)

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country...and go to the land I will show you."... So Abram left...

God told Abraham to leave his home. Take his wife and servants. Go to a new land. Abraham didn't know where he was going. But he obeyed God. We all make a choice – to obey God or disobey HIM. To walk with God or follow the world. Which do you choose?

God, I want to obey YOU. Follow YOU. Help me make good choices. Help me do what YOU want me to do. Amen.

NOVEMBER 17

Romans 8:18

...our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

There is sin in the world. Because of sin, people suffer. People suffer hunger, pain, sickness. People suffer hate, persecution, war, bombings, crime. But today's suffering is only for a short time. Don't focus on today's suffering. Remember the future hope and glory of heaven!

God, when I have problems, help me remember the hope and joy of heaven. That I will be with YOU forever. Amen.

NOVEMBER 18

Genesis 28:12(a)

He (Jacob) had a dream... he saw a stairway (ladder)...with its top reaching to heaven...

Jacob lied to his father. He stole his brother's blessing. Jacob ran away. One night he had a dream. There was a ladder reaching up to heaven. When we follow sin and the world, we need a way back to God. The "ladder" back to God is Jesus. HE will forgive you.

God, sometimes I disobey YOU. I follow sin and the world. Forgive me. Help me follow and obey YOU. Amen.

NOVEMBER 19

John 12:24

... unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

A seed must be planted in the ground. It must "die". Then it will grow into a tree. It will bear fruit. It will "live". The seed is like us. We must "die" to ourselves. Give up our own way, our own wants and desires. Then we can "live" for God. We will bear "fruit". Gal. 5:22

God, I don't want to live for myself. I want to live for YOU. I pray that my life will show the "fruit" of the Spirit. Amen.

NOVEMBER 20

Exodus 15:25

...and the Lord showed him (Moses) a tree, which when he had cast (threw) into the waters, the waters were made sweet. (KJV)

The Jewish people traveled in the desert. There was no water. Finally they found water. But it had a bad taste. God told Moses what to do. Moses obeyed God. The water became sweet. Sometimes we have big problems. What should we do? Ask God to help you. Then obey HIM.

God, sometimes I have so many problems. Help me trust YOU and obey YOU. Thank YOU for taking care of me. Amen.

NOVEMBER 21

Revelation 22:7

Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps (obeys) the words of...this book.

This is the last chapter of the Bible. Three times Jesus said, "I am coming soon". Jesus also said that the person who obeys HIS Word will be blessed. We don't know when Jesus will come again. We should be watching. Waiting. And most important, obeying HIM.

God, I believe Jesus is coming back soon. Help me be watching and waiting. Help me live right and obey YOU. Amen.

NOVEMBER 22

Revelation 22:12

Behold, I come am coming soon! MY reward is with ME, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

Again Jesus said, "I am coming soon". Jesus also said that HE will bring HIS reward. Christians that have faithfully served God will receive a reward (crown). HE will say, "Well done, MY good and faithful servant." Are you faithfully serving God now?

God, I believe Jesus is coming back soon. Every day help me live for YOU, serve YOU and serve others. Amen.

NOVEMBER 23

Revelation 22:20

HE who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Again Jesus said, "I am coming soon." Why did Jesus say this 3 times? Because it is so important that you are ready. Are you ready to meet Jesus? Does Jesus live in your heart as your Savior? Has HE forgiven your sin? Are you living for HIM, obeying HIM and serving HIM?

God, many people are not yet ready to meet YOU. Help me tell them how they can know Jesus as their Savior. Amen.

NOVEMBER 24

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Matthew 11:19(b)

... a friend of tax collectors and "sinners".

Some people criticized Jesus. Jesus was a friend of people who did wrong. HE was a friend of sinners. Why? They needed HIM. HE didn't choose only rich, important, or "religious" people as HIS friends. Jesus was a friend to everyone. Jesus is your Friend too. HE wants you to be a friend to other people too.

God, I am a sinner. But YOU still love me. Thank YOU for being my Friend. Help me be a friend to others. Amen.

NOVEMBER 25

John 17:4(b)

...by completing the work YOU (God) gave ME (Jesus) to do.

What work did Jesus finished? God's plan of salvation. God's plan to forgive sin. God's plan to give us eternal life. God's plan to defeat sin and Satan. How? Jesus died on the cross. HE rose again. Jesus finished the work God gave HIM to do. Are you doing the work God wants you to do?

God, I want to do the work that YOU want me to do. Help me obey YOU and serve YOU until the end of my life. Amen.

NOVEMBER 26

Ephesians 4:1(b)

... I (Paul) urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Paul wrote to Christians. A Christian has asked Jesus to be his Savior. He/she is a child of God. Part of God's family. Paul says that we should live a life worthy of a child of God. Live faithfully for God. Obey HIM. Honor HIM with right words and actions.

God, I want my life to honor YOU. Help me obey YOU in all I do and say. Amen.

NOVEMBER 27

John 3:14,15

Just as Moses lifted up the snake... so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in HIM may have eternal life.

The Jewish people sinned. God punished them with poisonous snakes. Many people died. God told Moses to make a brass snake on a pole. If the people looked at the brass snake they would live. This was a picture of Jesus on the cross. If we look to HIM and believe, HE saves us and gives us life.

God, thank YOU that Jesus died on the cross. I pray that people will look to Jesus, believe and receive HIM as Savior. Amen.

NOVEMBER 28

John 4:42(b)

... now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this Man really is the Savior of the world.

Every day a Samaritan woman went to the well for water. One day she met Jesus. HE told her HE was the Messiah, the Savior of the world. She ran home and told everyone. The people came to hear Jesus. They believed. Why? The woman told them about Jesus.

God, I want to tell people about YOU. Help me tell my friends that YOU love them and want to save them. Amen.

NOVEMBER 29

Psalm 73:23(b), 24(a)

... YOU hold me by my right hand. YOU guide me with YOUR counsel...

King David rejoiced that God knew him. God was always with him. God guided him. God showed him what to do. We have the same God! God is with us. HE guides us. HE shows us what to do.

God, I praise YOU! YOU are always with me. YOU love me and guide me. YOU show me what to do. Amen.

NOVEMBER 30

Exodus 3:1(b)

Moses...came to... the mountain of God.

Moses grew up in the rich palace of Pharaoh. But God took Moses away from Egypt. God led him into the desert. To the mountain of God. God wanted Moses to be alone with HIM. Moses had to learn to trust God. Moses could not depend on himself. Then God could use him.

God, many times I depend on myself. Help me learn to trust YOU. Please use me. Show me how I can serve YOU. Amen.

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