

## October 5      **Overcome by Following God**

"The Lord is my shepherd,' is on Sunday, is on Monday, and is through every day of the week; is in January, is in December, and every month of the year; is at home, and is in China; is in peace, and, is in war; in abundance, and in penury." - J. Hudson Taylor, missionary to China

"The strength of a man consists in finding out the way in which God is going, and going in that way too." - Henry Ward Beecher, American Preacher & Reformer

"Lord, the task is impossible for me but not for Thee. Lead the way and I will follow." - Mary Slessor, missionary to Nigeria

"You'll have to make a decision at some point – to stay put or to risk it all, following Him!" - Adrian Rogers

"God loved a lost world and gave His only Son to be a missionary. I love a lost world and I am a missionary, heart and soul. In this service I hope to live and in it I wish to die." - David Livingstone, missionary to Africa

*Matthew 4:19-20 - And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.*

*Matthew 10:38 - Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*

*Deuteronomy 13:4 - It is the Lord your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him.*

*John 12:26 - Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.*

*John 10:4 - "When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."*

### **Prayer from a song sung by Helen Berhane while imprisoned for her faith in Eritrea:**

"I love you, that's why I draw myself closer to you. I know that it's worth following you. I am not only ready for prison, but I trust you until death."

## October 6      Overcome by Believing God's Promises

"A person who wholly follows the Lord is one who believes that the promises of God are trustworthy, that He is with His people, and that they are well able to overcome." - Watchman Nee, Chinese church leader imprisoned in a labor camp in 1956 until his death in 1972

"Furnish thyself with arguments from the promises to enforce thy prayers, and make them prevalent with God. The promises are the ground of faith, and faith, when strengthened, will make thee fervent, and such fervency ever speeds and returns with victory out of the field of prayer. The mightier any is in the Word, the more mighty he will be in prayer." - William Gurnall

"During the crisis, I felt calm and firm of soul, standing erect and with my whole weight on the promise, 'Lo, I am with you alway.' Precious promise! How often I adore Jesus for it and rejoice in it! Blessed be His name." - John Paton, missionary to New Hebrides in the South Pacific

"Felt much turmoil of spirit in view of having all my plans for the welfare of this great region knocked on the head by savages tomorrow. But I read that Jesus came and said, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations -- and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' It is the word of a Gentleman of the most sacred and strictest honor, so there's an end of it. I shall take observations for latitude and longitude tonight, though they may be the last. I feel quite calm now, thank God." - David Livingstone, missionary to Africa

*2 Peter 1:4 - For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.*

*Joshua 21:45 - Not one of the good promises which the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass*

*2 Corinthians 1:20 - For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.*

*Isaiah 14:27 - "For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"*

*Hebrews 10:23 - Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;*

Oh Lord, I believe Your promises are trustworthy. They are precious to me. Help me to memorized them and meditate on them so that I may lean on them in times of trial or temptation. Help me to overcome in every situation as I remember Your promises and use them to enforce my prayers.

## October 7      Overcome by Waiting on God

"Do not strive in your own strength; cast yourself at the feet of the Lord Jesus, and wait upon Him in the sure confidence that He is with you, and works in you. Strive in prayer; let faith fill your heart so will you be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." - Andrew Murray, South African writer, teacher, and Christian pastor

"Being an overcomer is teaching me to be patient.... Most of us lack patience, and God allows troubles and trials to come so that our patience will increase. We learn patience by waiting on the Lord." - Samuel Harris

"But the way to overcome is by patience, forgiving and praying for your enemies, in doing whereof you heap coals upon their heads, and your Lord shall open a door to you in your trouble: wait upon Him, as the night watch waiteth for the morning. He will not tarry. Go up to your watch-tower, and come not down, but by prayer, and faith, and hope, wait on." - Samuel Rutherford

"Wait for the Lord. Behave yourself manfully, and be of good courage. Do not be faithless, but stay in your place and do not turn back." - Thomas a Kempis

*Isaiah 40:31 - But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

*Psalms 33:20-21 - Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.*

*James 5: 8 - You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.*

*Micah 7:7 - But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.*

*Psalms 40:1-3 - I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. 2 He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear and will trust in the Lord.*

Today, Oh Lord, I cast myself at Your feet and wait upon You. Work in me, Lord, and grant me strength and courage. Renew my strength and make my heart glad. Set my feet upon a rock and make my footsteps firm. Put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to You.