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The last thing Jesus told us to do should be our first priority, to share the Good news of salvation...

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Scripture taken from The Holy Bible: (ESV)

Day	Readings	Reference	Reflection/Question	Prayer
1	“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”	John 3:16	<p>This is one of the most popular Bible verses. It sums up the Gospel in one sentence. We should know it, be ready to share it, and teach it to our children. When we quote scripture it should be as a natural part of our conversation, as the Holy Spirit leads us. But if we haven’t memorised the right verses, how will we be able to share them?</p> <p>Have you memorised this verse? Are you ready to witness for Christ today?</p>	Father God, help me speak your Word into people’s lives. Please give me the right words at the right time. Amen.
2	For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.	Romans 1:16	<p>Many people are afraid of public speaking. Many are nervous about sharing their faith one-on-one or in a group. But we are called to be witnesses. All we need to do is talk about what Christ has done in our life. We can just start a conversation, and let the Holy Spirit give us the words. And we don’t need to be ashamed. It’s God’s gospel, <i>his</i> good news. He can make it come alive in people’s hearts as we share it.</p> <p>Think of one person you can share God’s love with today. Pray now for an opportunity to talk to them about what Christ has done in your life.</p>	Lord, grant me boldness, fill my mouth and give me the words to speak into people’s lives. In Jesus name, Amen.
3	But in your hearts honour 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.	1 Peter 3:15	<p>Peter tells us that evangelism begins with us, as a humble recognition of all that Christ has done for us, and only secondarily manifests as a firm commitment to share what Jesus has done in our lives. So often the way we explain our hope in Jesus impacts people just as much as <i>what</i> we actually say.</p> <p>Are you ever tempted to get defensive about your faith in God? How might you practice gentleness and respect today?</p>	Lord, speak to me and through me today. Help me bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit as I speak to others today. In Jesus name, Amen.

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4	And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”	Acts 4:29-30	<p>What a prayer! Some of the most amazing miracles happen in the book of Acts, but the Christians keep praying for <i>more</i> boldness and <i>more</i> miracles! Why? Because every day is a new day to pray for the miraculous spread of the gospel.</p> <p>Will you commit to praying this prayer every day?</p>	Lord, enable me to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. Amen.
5	I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.	Philemon 1:6	<p>There is no such thing as armchair Christianity. We are called to be participators not spectators, and that means that we are called to share our faith with others. Don't worry too much about saying the wrong thing, the Holy Spirit will use whatever you say!</p> <p>Will you look for the opportunity to start a conversation today?</p>	Lord, lead me to the right people I can start a conversation with. Give me your words, your heart, and lead me by your Holy Spirit. In Jesus name, Amen.
6	“And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”	Luke 12:11-12	<p>How do we speak the words that the Holy Spirit wants us to say? The secret to success is simple: we have the Holy Spirit in us, and He will give us the right words at the right time.</p> <p>We only need to be prepared to open our mouths and speak the truth in love.</p> <p>Will you ask the Holy Spirit to speak though you?</p>	Lord, teach me how to listen to your Holy Spirit, and grant me boldness to speak the words you give me. In Jesus name, Amen!

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7	Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.	2 Corinthians 5:20	As an Australian ambassador, you would have to talk think like an Australian, behave like one and represent Australia in all that you did. A similar principle applies to being an ambassador of Christ. We need to practice thinking like Christ, living like Christ and representing Christ in all our daily activities. Doing this is not a hobby, the salvation of others rests at least partly in our hands: “we implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” What will it mean for you to be an ambassador for Christ today?	Lord, speak through me, give me the mind of Christ, guide my footsteps to live like an ambassador of Christ today, In Jesus name, Amen.
8	The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.	2 Peter 3:9	God the Father wants all people to repent and be saved, it’s as if he is saying, “Just wait for one more soul to be saved...” God is with us when we reach out to others with the gospel, and he wants to empower us to win souls. Will you walk in his power today?	Lord, I know you love all people. I know you want to reach them. Here am I, use me Lord to reach out with your love. In Jesus name, Amen.
9	All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.	2 Corinthians 5:18-19	Our job as Christians is to see people reconciled to God. We have all been created to live in a relationship with God; our job is simply to help people restore that relationship. Who do you know that needs to restore their relationship with God? How can you reach out to them today?	Lord, release me to be a minister of reconciliation. Give me your heart to call the prodigals home. In Jesus name, Amen.

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10	For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.	1 Corinthians 1:17-18	<p>So often we think we need to have clever speech to win souls. But the reality is that when the gospel is spoken, God's Holy Spirit does the work on people's hearts. We are just the messengers.</p> <p>Will you step out and share the gospel today, and trust God to do the rest?</p>	Lord, prepare the hearts of those with whom I will share the gospel. Help me bear fruit for your kingdom. In Jesus name, Amen.
11	For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.	2 Corinthians 10:4-5a	<p>We are in a spiritual battle, so we need to arm ourselves with spiritual weapons, prayer and God's word. But we also need to remember that Jesus already won the battle at the Cross.</p> <p>Spend some time praising God that the battle has already been won.</p>	Lord, the battle is yours. Dress me in your armour today, may I use your word like a sword, guide me I ask in Jesus name, Amen.
12	While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."	Acts 13:2	<p>Some people are specially set apart for the work of evangelism. But that doesn't mean that the rest of us are off the hook! We all need to spend time worshipping the Lord before sharing the gospel with others.</p> <p>Have you praised God for his Son Jesus today?</p>	Heavenly Father, I re-commit myself to you afresh today. Lead my by your Holy Spirit I ask in Jesus name, Amen.

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13	And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.	Acts 18:9-11	<p>God still speaks to us in visions, but when he speaks it always lines up with his written word. Many times in the Bible, He tells people to be bold, to keep speaking, and he promises that he is always with us.</p> <p>Will you obey the Lord's call to keep speaking and to go where he leads you?</p>	Lord, help me to listen to you. Show me in your word what I need to hear today, in Jesus name, Amen.
14	He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.	Revelation 22:20-21	<p>When we turn to the end of the Bible we see that Jesus wins in the end! He won the war at the Cross, it is our job to testify that he is risen coming back!</p> <p>Do you live like Jesus is coming back? What would it look like if you did?</p>	Lord, help me to testify of your glorious gospel! May I be found working in your harvest field when you return. In Jesus name, Amen.