# **BACK-IT-UP** <<

**EACH DAY THIS WEEK**, take a look at what else the Bible says about boldly sharing your faith in Jesus and influencing others to follow Him.

### Romans 10:9-15

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, 'Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.' For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

**PRACTICE:** What can you do to make sure that the people around you have heard and had the opportunity to respond to the message of Jesus?

**PRAY:** Thank Jesus for the simplicity of His message and for the opportunity to deliver it.

# **MATTHEW 28:19-20**

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**PRACTICE:** What can others learn about Jesus by watching and listening to you? **PRAY:** Thank Jesus for always being with you and helping you to communicate His message.

#### 1 PETER 3:15

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

**PRACTICE:** What can you do to prepare yourself more effectively to communicate Jesus' message?

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you develop a gentle, respectful attitude that is evident in all situations.

## 2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (NKJV)

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

**PRACTICE:** Is fear holding you back from something that God has given you power and love to accomplish?

PRAY: Ask God to give you boldness for Christ and a love for people that compels you to reach out.

#### 1 JOHN 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

**PRACTICE:** Is there any known sin in your life that you need to confess to God? **PRAY:** Give God thanks for the forgiveness and spiritual purity He provides for you.

## 1 JOHN 5:12-13

"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

**PRACTICE:** How should the assurance of your salvation affect your attitudes and actions?

**PRAY:** Give thanks for the confidence you can have about your eternal home with Christ.



The message of Jesus is Good News that's meant to be shared, and it is the only message that can truly transform lives. Jesus told His followers to go everywhere telling people about Him. This isn't a request or suggestion, but a direct command.