



November 2 – Remember Well

We are here today, because people who came before us were faithful witnesses to the love and grace of God. We are here because someone(s) poured into our lives filling us with the light and love of Jesus, calling us out into the world to share that light with others. We are here, because for generations upon generations, this precious faith has been passed down and allowed to change the lives of so many. Join us this weekend as we celebrate those lives, those witnesses we have lost to the separation of death this past year and give thanks for them and so many more who have gone before us in grace!

Scripture:

Hebrews 11:32-12:2a

How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets. ³³ By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their loved ones back again from death.

But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection. ³⁶ Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips. Others were chained in prisons. ³⁷ Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about wearing skins of sheep and goats, destitute and oppressed and mistreated. ³⁸ They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹ All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. ⁴⁰ For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Questions:

- Who in your life has been a faithful witness of the love and grace of Jesus?
- What have they done to help you know the love of Jesus? The call of Jesus?
- Have you ever thanked them for being faith-filled and passing this light onto you? Why not take time this week – and let them know how much they have impacted your life!

Reading for the Week:

Monday: 1 Peter 3:15

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 6:12

Wednesday: Isaiah 43:10

Thursday: Romans 8:16

Friday: Acts 20:24