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Ready

The background of the image is a dense, overlapping layer of fallen autumn leaves. The leaves are primarily maple leaves, showing a variety of colors from deep red and purple to bright yellow and green. Some leaves are still attached by thin veins, while others are completely detached and scattered across the surface.

At the Ready

Definition: to be prepared or available for immediate use

The Great Commission

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)



What happens when the Great Commission comes to us?

- We need to be “At the Ready” for the Kingdom at all times



How do we bridge the gap when it comes to being prepared?

- Know your testimony

What is a testimony?

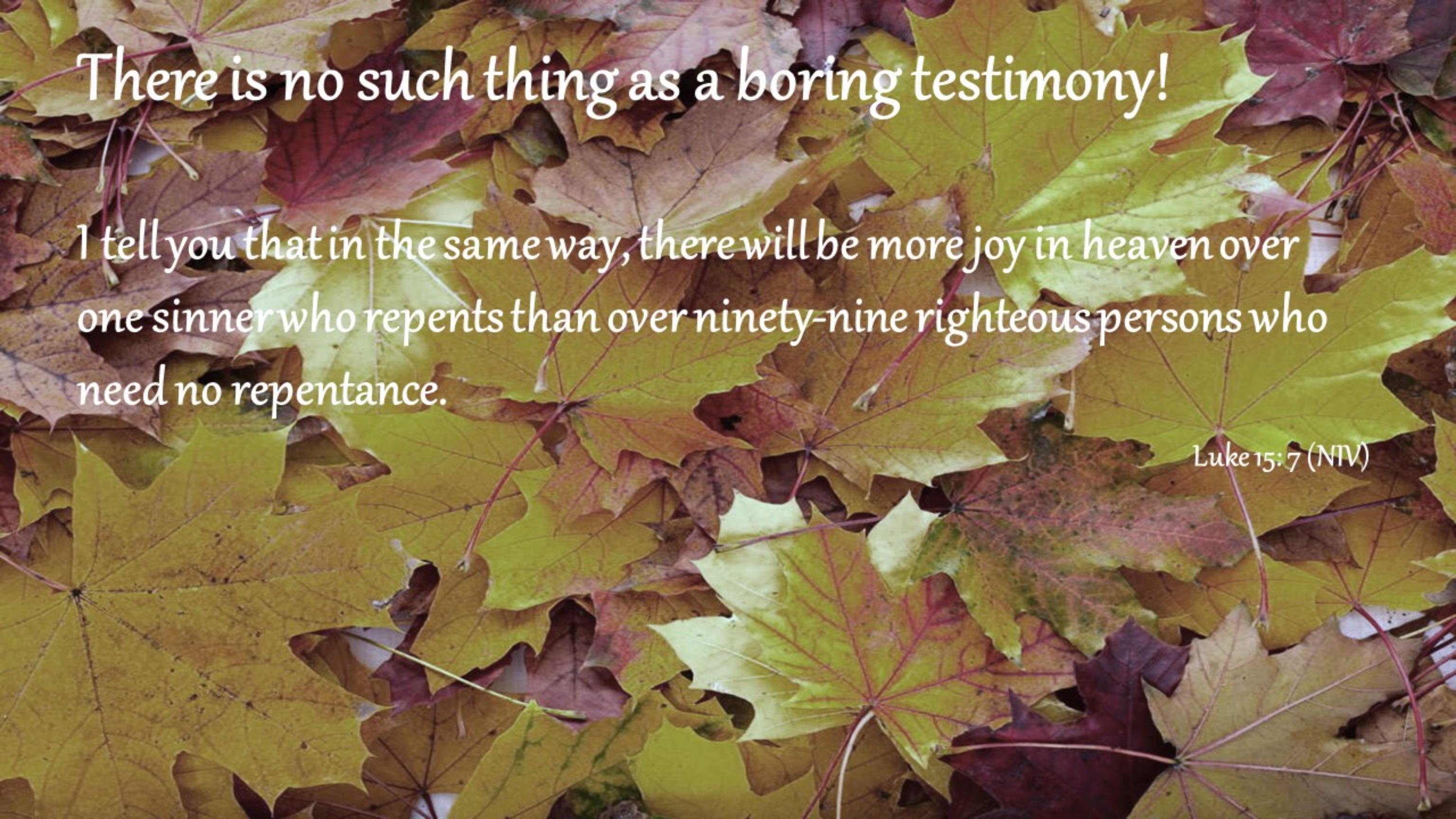
Testimony Defined

1. Evidence in support of a fact or statement; proof

2. Open declaration or profession, as of faith

In its simplest terms:

1. Telling someone about your relationship with God



There is no such thing as a boring testimony!

I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 15:7 (NIV)



God has plans for us.

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

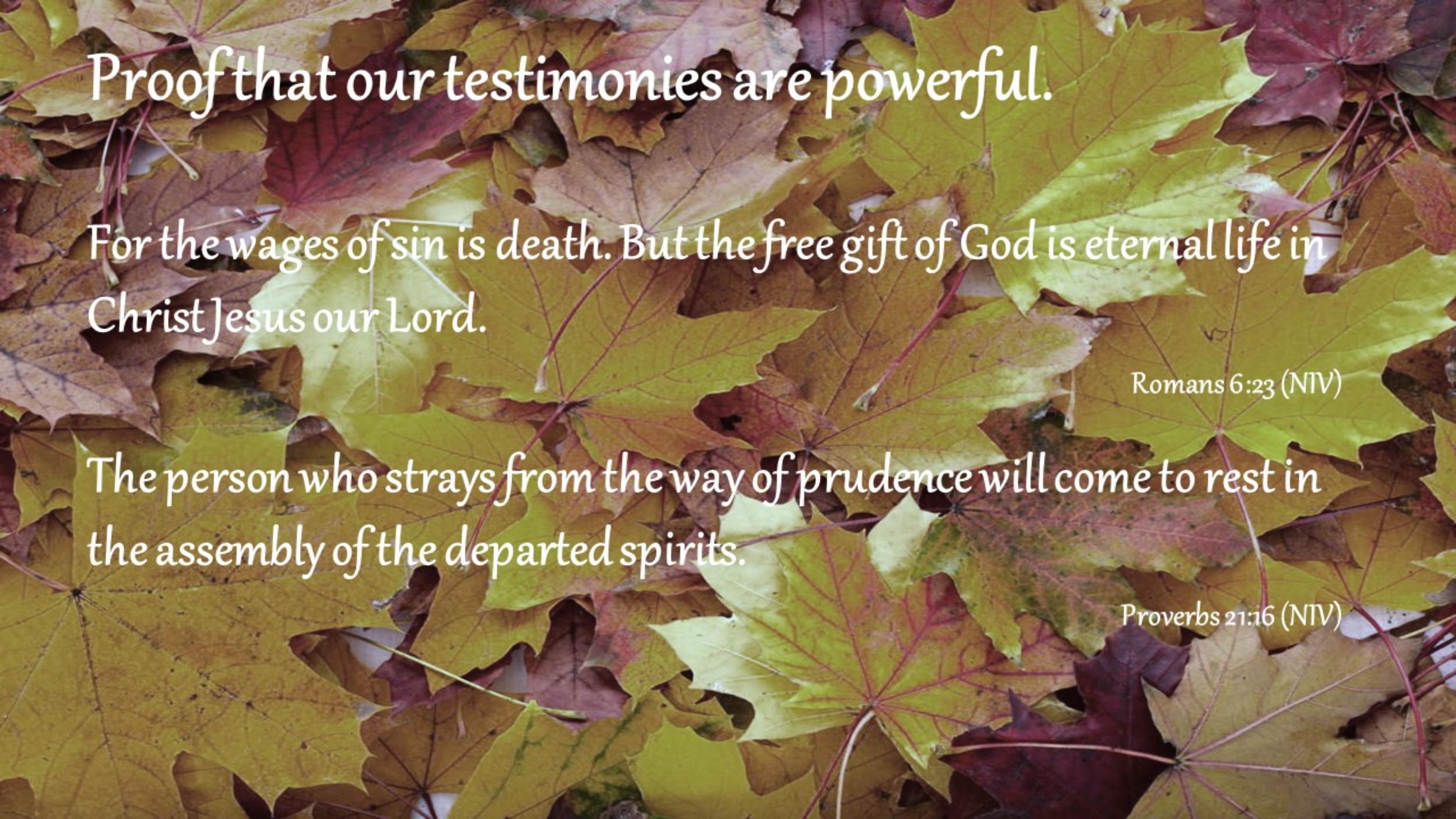
Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NTV)



What are we without our testimony?

Short Answer:

Doomed to live an eternity separate of God.



Proof that our testimonies are powerful.

For the wages of sin is death. But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

The person who strays from the way of prudence will come to rest in the assembly of the departed spirits.

Proverbs 21:16 (NIV)

Advice regarding sharing your testimony.

Stick to what cannot be debated

- How God changed your life

Know your testimony

- Write it down
- Practice it
- Be willing and ready to share it



Our testimonies are still being written