

DAY 6

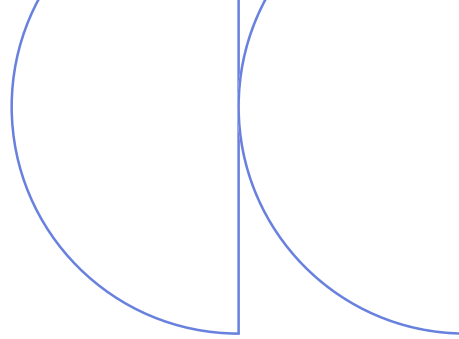
You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

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Have you ever tried using Google Maps, while your phone has no network connection? Spoiler alert: it will not work. Without connection, your directions will never load. God works similarly to Google Maps. We cannot have a relationship with God without building a connection. We build a connection by praying, reading the Bible, or being kind to ourselves and others. If we make an everyday effort to do these things, our connection to God grows stronger. When we do not make an effort to build the connection, like Google Maps when it stops working, it is harder to get directions from God.

When we feel lost, we should ask, "At this moment, are we connected to God?"



DAY 7

Memory Verse: I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

John 16:33 NLT

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This verse was one of the last messages Jesus gave to His disciples before being arrested. His time was limited, and Jesus knew his final words needed to give the disciples and His future followers hope.

Ways to help you memorize this verse:
1. Write the scripture on your hand. Whenever you look at your hand and see the scripture, repeat it five times.
2. Grab a book, flip to a random page, and try finding each word in the scripture on that page. Try to find the words in the order of the scripture. If you cannot find a word, flip to a different page. If you are still having a hard time finding a particular word, find a synonym for that word.

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PRISM / WEEK 1

HIGH SCHOOL

DAY 1

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 NIV

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No one likes fake friends. They will be your best friend one moment, then pretend they do not care about you the next. God is similar to us in the way that God wants us to care about what God cares about. When you decide to form a relationship with God, you are deciding to follow God's direction for you. Following God's direction is not always easy, and we might experience fear when God asks us to do something hard. God understands this, but wants you to follow God's direction because that is what is best for your life. And, we can have confidence because God loves us.

This week, if you are feeling nervous, pray and ask for help as you follow God.

DAY 2

For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Ephesians 2:18 NIV

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Olivia and I did not like each other. Our personalities clashed when we were at school. One Sunday Olivia and her family came to visit us at church. The more Olivia and I became a part of the same community, the more we found ourselves forming a friendship.

Because of Jesus, not only can we be connected to God, but we also have a community to grow with as we grow in our relationship with God. None of us like everyone we come into contact with, but it is important to give extra effort to those in your community.

Next time you are struggling with building a relationship with another Jesus-follower, remember loving them is a way to show appreciation and love for Jesus.

DAY 3

But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were once far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13 NIV

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Have you ever tried to find something in the dark? It is unnecessarily difficult. If you cut on the lights, you would find the object faster. Life without God is similar to trying to find an object in the dark. It is stressful and frustrating. You can turn on the light by building a relationship with God. Even with God's light, challenges will still occur. However, because of Jesus we can be connected to God and have God's light which can help us get through dark situations. We can find God's light by reading the Bible, praying, or being in a community with other people who love God.

This week, spend time talking to God and ask for guidance if you are facing a difficult situation.

DAY 4

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 NIV

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Failure will happen. We may fail on tests, at relationships, or on goals. We must accept failure as a part of life, but also accept that God sees past our failure. God does not base our value on our grades, relationship status, or other accomplishments. God believes we are special because we were created in God's image. There is nothing we can do to take our value away or add to it. Regardless of our failures, God has a plan for our lives.

When we struggle to see our value through God's eyes, we should spend time in prayer, read the Bible, or simply talk to someone we trust to remind us that nothing can separate us from God.

DAY 5

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 NLT

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It's no secret that people in our world are struggling with suicide, depression, anxiety, and low self-confidence now more than ever before. I have even personally struggled with depression and anxiety. The good news is, we follow the most powerful being in existence. God is the ultimate power source that can bring us peace in the darkest storm! As Christ-followers have the God of the universe on our side. We have hope that is bigger than our mistakes or circumstances.

This verse reminds us that we can have hope because we can be connected to God. We don't have to be afraid because God is omnipresent which means He is with us always! And, if God is for me who can be against me? God also promises

to strengthen and help us. When we feel weak, we can know that God is mighty. We will never have to carry our burdens on our own. Finally, we can rejoice because Jesus is victorious, so our mistakes don't have to hold us back. Now it's up to us to seek God and glorify God by loving others.

This week, spend time talking to God about the things that stress you out because there is no struggle too big for our God.