

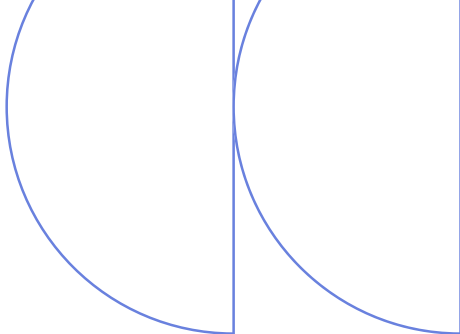
DAY 6

“Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.”

John 11:25 NLT

Sometimes it is difficult to think about our current circumstances and envision a bright future for ourselves. Where we are and where we want to be can seem like a million miles away, and the distance is full of hurdles and traps. We begin to worry about what is next for us and if we have what it takes. Because of what Jesus has communicated about our worth and value, we don't need to doubt or worry about what is next. We don't have to question that the things of our past will come back to be held against us.

We are free from those past things and able to live life now, unburdened by our past, and be hopeful for a future life in relationship with Jesus.



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

Memorizing Scripture helps us know what Jesus is like and gives us ways to grow our faith.

Ways to help you memorize this verse:

- 1. Use emojis to memorize the verse.**
- 2. Write out the verse and read it 3-5 times a day.**

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PRISM / WEEK 4

HIGH SCHOOL

DAY 1

“But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
1 Corinthians 15:57 NLT

Looking back on our lives we can get stuck reliving the moments where we caused hurt, or reliving the choices we made that didn't line up with who we want to be. We can get stuck in feeling guilt, shame or frustration at our past. When you feel stuck there, remember there is a way out and a way forward. Jesus helps to empower us to realize we are not who we once were and can move forward knowing that the baggage from our past doesn't define us anymore.

When you are feeling stuck in the past, start to think about how Jesus is cheering you on, and how He helps you move forward.

DAY 2

“And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”
1 John 5:11 NLT

Jesus gives us life. A deep, purposeful and full life. As we grow closer to Jesus, we see that when we're following what He teaches us, we're not held back, or restricted, but are actually free to live a full life. Where our past choices and actions may have caused hurt, sadness, or frustration, when we live in alignment with Jesus, we can begin to move forward.

When you are feeling burdened with whatever it is you're carrying, remember that through Jesus we can be free of our past and live the full life He wants for us.

DAY 3

“We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him.”

Romans 6:9 NLT

People often look to people who are more skilled, experienced, or successful than themselves to give them confidence in areas they are not sure of. That’s what Jesus does for us when it comes to all of life. We can be confident in what Jesus asks us to do and how He asks us to live because of the life He lived. We can look to Jesus knowing He has experienced all that life offers, especially the most difficult things, and that He knew how to live a full life and was confident in the path God had for Him.

In the same way, we can face all life gives us knowing we follow Jesus who has been before us and lived a life worth following.

DAY 4

“He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds we are healed.”

1 Peter 2:24 NLT

As we read this verse, pay attention to the word, “personally.” Jesus personally took the violence of the world on Himself. He took all the hatred the world threw at Him, and instead of fighting back and judging and condemning the people who put Him on the cross, He forgave them. His willingness to take on our sin showed us the worst of ourselves and the best of Himself—by loving and forgiving and demonstrating mercy. In doing that, He showed us what God was really like. God is good. God is all loving. God is willing to go to the greatest lengths possible to make sure we knew what God thought about us—that we were worthy of this demonstration of love.

When we understand that, that changes things. Not just the way we understand God, but how we understand ourselves.

DAY 5

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

Romans 5:8 NLT

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Have you ever received a bad grade on a test, and your grade in the class dropped? Like, I mean you absolutely failed the test. If you can relate, you are not the only one. It’s happened to me a few times as well. After that test, and after you see your grade drop, it feels like you will never be able to bring it back to where it once was.

Many times, we can feel the same way when it comes to our relationship with Jesus. We feel that after we make a mistake, we can never experience God’s love again, or we are always trying to do “good deeds” to make up for that one mistake we made in our past. I want to point us to what Paul says in the book of Romans to silence the lie that our mistakes hold us back from God’s love. In this verse we see that God sent Jesus, to die for us. The beautiful part about this is that God didn’t wait until we earned it or did a certain amount of “good

deeds” before offering us forgiveness. No, even before you made that mistake, God sent Jesus so YOU can have a relationship with God.

My challenge for you, is to find one area in your life where you are feeding yourself the lie that your mistakes hold you back, and silence that lie by reminding yourself of God’s great love for you.