

DAY 6

You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

Psalms 77:14 NIV

We don't say the word "miracle" very often, do we? But if we really tried, we could eventually find someone—a grandparent, a friend of a friend, etc.—who could tell us a story—one that we would agree is a miracle.

If there is anyone powerful and capable of doing the impossible, it's God.

But it's not always the big, dramatic, healed-from-cancer stories that count as miracles. God's power is on display in the small things, too.

Spend the next 24 hours with your eyes open. Look for God's goodness everywhere. When you see it, thank God for it. And here's a bonus assignment! Ask one older person you trust to tell you one way that God showed off His miracle power in their life.

DAY 7

Memory Verse: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Psalms 145:18 NIV

Most of us have a bunch of stuff in our head that can be difficult to sort out. We wonder...

- If we measure up.
- If we're normal.
- If every family is as messed up as ours.
- If we're going to be okay in the future.

When you're not sure what to think, God's word has something to say to you. It's a tool that helps you figure out how to feel, what to think, and how to respond in your own life right now. When you memorize God's word, the Holy Spirit will bring those answers to your mind at the exact moment you need them.

Just try it. Memorize today's verse this week.

- 1. Make it a part of your bedtime routine.**
- 2. Make it the lock screen on your phone.**

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NEVER GIVE UP / WEEK 2

HIGH SCHOOL

DAY 1

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

John 16:33 NLT

When difficult things happen in our lives, we just want them to be over. We want them to change ASAP! You may even wonder why God hasn't fixed the thing that feels broken in your world.

That's why it's important for us to know God hasn't promised that everything will go the way we want. God promised something else:

Jesus said that He will be with us when we experience tough times. We are never alone because He is always with us. And while that doesn't take away the pain, we can find peace knowing that the most powerful entity in the universe—will never leave us.

Take a few minutes and ask for His peace in the places that feel broken.

DAY 2

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6 NIV

You've probably had times where you've wanted to quit. Ever start a book then give up after 30 pages? Ever quit a job or a sport? Ever want to stop fighting for your peace and joy because you're in a difficult situation?

While we have times when we want to give up, it's good to know that God will never give up on us! This is what the apostle Paul meant in today's verse.

Don't crumble in the face of obstacles. God will hold you up and carry you. God will not only give you the strength to persevere, but God will "carry it on to completion."

Thank God and ask God to help you persevere in the areas where you're tempted to give up.

DAY 3

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 NLT

Quitting is always easier than enduring. When life doesn't turn out the way you planned, the option of quitting always looks like sweet relief. BUT growth happens when

- You decide to be faithful in a situation that you don't like and can't understand.
- You keep running even though you've hit the wall.
- Life feels difficult, but you continue to believe that God is good.

God knows what He's doing in your life and what He's preparing you for.. God always has the last word, and God promises that you will "soar high on wings like eagles!"

Pray God, I thank You that I can take refuge in You, even if I hate the circumstances I'm in. You always have the last word. I trust in You.

DAY 4

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Philippians 2:13 NIV

God is the inventor of talents, personalities, strengths, and abilities. And as people who are created in His image, we've been given some of those gifts!

Are you good at social media? God can use that! Are you good at connecting with people? Do you know that that's a relational talent, and God can use it to serve others? Are you good at basketball, acting, researching, playing video games? Those are incredible tools that God can use to help others.

Ask God to show you the gifts that He's given you and the desires that He's placed in your heart. Ask Him to work in you to develop those gifts, and to use those gifts to draw you closer to Him.

DAY 5

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV

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Life gets hard sometimes. In those seasons, we can get disappointed and want to give up. But don't get discouraged. We all get discouraged. We live in a broken world, and we are human, which means there will be disappointments, obstacles, and limits that we have to face. At our lowest point, we can want to give up on God. But, we should never give up on God because God will never give up on us. No matter what pressures the world puts on us, God will always be there with us. We can have this confidence because of Jesus's love for all people on earth. God's love and compassion for us are new every morning. We can have a fresh start, knowing God's love for us will never dry up! God — inspires, energizes, and empowers us to keep going and not give up.

When I feel like giving up, I'm choosing to say, "Great is Your faithfulness." Will you join me and do the same? When you feel like giving up on God, remember these powerful things:

- God loves you
- God will never leave your side
- God is here to help you
- God has good plans for your life
- God wants a relationship with you

I challenge you to write these things where you can see them daily. The next time you feel like giving up on God, be reminded that God will never give up on you.