

DAY 6

1 PETER 4:10, NIV

Have you ever felt like your to-do list was constantly growing, and you just couldn't catch a break? Life can be chaotic sometimes, especially when you're juggling schoolwork, relationships, and extracurricular activities. It's easy to feel overwhelmed, so much so that you want to stop or give up when things are too much or out of your control.

However, Jesus does not want us to be stressed or worried. In fact, Easter reminds us that He offers peace beyond all understanding. It's a peace that is not dependent on everything going perfectly. His peace helps us in the midst of things going imperfectly. It calms our hearts and minds, strengthening us in all situations.

Write down this verse and put it somewhere you will see it often. Let it remind you that Jesus is with you, and He is the Prince of Peace!

DAY 7

JOHN 11:25-26, NIV

Have you ever felt stressed when thinking about your future? Whether it's about school, your family, your relationship, or your goals, the idea of what's ahead can overwhelm us. It creates a lot of pressure to have everything figured out.

The good news? Jesus reminds us that He is the resurrection and the life. That means Jesus is the One who gives us true, lasting life beyond anything we can find in this world. He is the one who holds our futures and has a plan to prosper us.

This Easter, let go of the stress and fear controlling your thoughts and take a moment to find peace and comfort in Jesus. The story of His life, death, and resurrection reminds us that He keeps His promises. That means we can trust Him with anything and everything, both now and in the future.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

DAY 1

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NLT

Have you ever wished you could start over? Maybe you said something you didn't mean, got caught up with the wrong friends, or made a choice you now regret. We all have moments like this when we wish we could undo our mistakes and begin again.

The good news? Jesus gives us that fresh start! While it's easy to feel tied to what has happened in our past, Easter reminds us of new beginnings. Because Jesus died and came back to life, He offers us a chance to live a new life. Jesus wants to bring joy and healing into your life. He wants to make you stronger and remind you that you are loved and forgiven. When we follow Jesus, we get a new beginning. He makes us new!

Today, take a moment to ask yourself if there is a new beginning you want Jesus to bring into your life.

DAY 2

GALATIANS 5:13, NLT

Have you ever struggled to do the right thing? Like you knew what you needed to do, but it seemed difficult to do it? Maybe you needed to be honest about a mistake you made, or choose to put others before yourself, or own up to something that was going to cost you. In those moments, it can feel so difficult to follow Jesus. So, here is your reminder that Jesus is with you and can give you strength to do what is right. Because of that, you can trust that there is no mistake, no regret, no mess up that you can't come back from. There's no way you can't get it right when you're following Jesus. There's no way victory isn't in your reach.

This week, if you are faced with a difficult situation, ask Jesus to help you experience freedom and victory.

DAY 3

MATTHEW 28:6, NLT

Have you ever felt stuck? Like things would never get better? No matter how hard you try, you may have a class that feels impossible to pass. You may be experiencing challenges with your friends and longing for the resolution of the conflict. Or you may just be struggling through a season of anxiety that you can't quite figure out how to deal with on your own.

It is easy to feel discouraged in this life, but the Easter story powerfully reminds us that Jesus brings hope. Just when things seem as if they will never change, we can remember that Jesus is capable of doing anything. When it seemed like all was lost, Jesus rose from the dead, proving that anything is possible with Him.

When life gets hard and you are feeling down, remember that Jesus is with you. You do not have to stay stuck because Jesus will help you through whatever comes your way.

DAY 4

JEREMIAH 29:11-12, NIV

Sometimes it can be hard to trust in God. We start to wonder if God really cares about us the way everyone says God does. Like does God actually want to give us a full and beautiful life? Can we trust God to give us hope and joy? In the book of Jeremiah, we find a group of people who were wondering the same things. The good news? The prophet Jeremiah told them something that helped them remember that God did care about them and had plans to bless them. It may not have looked the way they expected, but it was a blessing nonetheless. The truth is, we can trust that God loves us and wants the best for us, but that doesn't mean life will be perfect. In those moments, we can be comforted by the truth we find in Scripture. We can look back to Jeremiah's words and remember that God will be with us, God will provide for us, and God will take care of us, both today and in the future. All we have to do is call on God!

This week, when you face a difficult situation, talk to God and know that God cares for you as you do.

DAY 5

MATTHEW 28:18, NLT

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What comes to mind when you think about authority? Maybe you think of the authorities, a term some use to describe law enforcement. Or maybe you think about the authority that your teachers at school have over you. But what does the word authority really mean? It's the "power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior." Now that we know this, what is this verse saying when it says that Jesus has authority over heaven and earth? It means that He has power and control beyond what we can see or understand. So in the midst of what makes our world feel crazy, we can have comfort in knowing that Jesus sees it all and takes care of us, even when things don't go the way we planned. Today, when something happens that you

weren't expecting, whether it is good or bad, take time to pray and ask what Jesus might be trying to show you in the midst of the situation you are walking through. You can have peace in knowing that Jesus is still with you and working.