

# DAY 6

## Ephesians 6:17 NLT

Fact: Sometimes life can feel a lot like a battle! Challenges, enemies, struggles, hardships—all those things add up to make us feel as if we're fighting a war just to get through the day sometimes! The good news is that God knew the things we'd face and didn't leave us to face them alone. God left us with the Bible to help us. We can rely on it to help us through whatever we might face.

**Today, draw what comes to mind when you read this verse. Then, keep that picture somewhere you'll see it often as your reminder of this truth.**

# DAY 7

## Psalms 119:105 NIV

The greatest example we have in our faith is Jesus Himself. His life, choices, sacrifice, love—it's all an example of the way we can live out our own faith today. As we read the Bible, we're really reading the story of our faith. We're reading the story of all God did through Jesus to save us and all God wants us to do now in response to that great love.

**This week, keep working on memorizing this verse. To do that, write it down on a sheet of paper. Try your best to write it from memory if you can! Then, add to that paper anything this verse shows you about Jesus. (Hint: You can ask your small group leader for help to get started!) Let it remind you of all God's Word has to teach us about Jesus and the way He lived.**

# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

FOR AN  
**everyday faith.**

COMPASS / WEEK 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL

# DAY 1

## Isaiah 12:2 NIV

The author of a book in the Bible, Isaiah, wrote about the way that God saved him. And because God saved him, he could trust God. He didn't have to be afraid! Pretty cool, right? Well, this same thing is true for each and every one of us. God promised to save us, and with God's Son, Jesus, God kept that promise. Because of that, we can trust God with our lives. We don't have to be afraid because God is the strength we need to get through anything.

**What's one thing you're afraid of? Thinking about that thing, read today's verse out loud to yourself. Then, ask God to remind you of this truth when you feel afraid.**

# DAY 2

## Psalms 119:11 NIV

What's something valuable that you own? Maybe it's your new shoes, or your phone, or a signed jersey from your favorite athlete. Whatever it is, chances are you probably keep it somewhere safe. You put it in a place where you always know you'll be able to find it when you need it. In Psalm 119, David wrote that our hearts are the best place to hide God's Word. That's the place we can keep it close to us. The place we can go to when we know we need it. When we memorize Scripture, we always have it with us to lead us, comfort us, and guide us.

**Start by memorizing this verse. Hide it in your heart this week, so you have it when you need it!**

## DAY 3

### Hebrews 4:12 NLT

Think about life thousands of years ago. Back then, having a small, sharp knife was so important for survival. People needed it for everything from protection to routine tasks like hunting or cooking. It was the strong tool they looked to for help with whatever they needed. The writer of Hebrews reminds us that the Bible is that tool for us. It has the power to cut deep into our thoughts, move us in the right direction, and help us make good decisions. If we memorize it, it will be there when we need it.

**Today, ask a parent, a friend, or your small group leader to share a verse that's helped them when they needed it. Write it down so you can remember that verse when you need it too!**

## DAY 4

### Proverbs 30:5 NLT

Where do you go for comfort? What do you do to help you feel better? Maybe you talk to or spend time with a friend. Or maybe you dive into a book or watch a movie. Maybe you go for a run or listen to music. We all have things that bring us comfort. Well, the Bible reminds us that God is our ultimate comforter. When life is hard, we can come to God for comfort and rest. While our circumstances may not change, we can ask God to give us comfort, truth, and protection as we go through whatever we're facing.

**If there is a situation where you need comfort right now, find it in God today. Thank God for being with you in it this week.**

## DAY 5

### Psalms 119:105 NLT

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When I was younger, I hated the idea of reading the Bible. I thought it was a rule book for adults. Going into middle school, I thought that reading the Bible was going to be a waste of time, until I started reading it every day. When I did, I realized that the Bible is much more than a rule book. It is personal directions that God has given us to help us live our lives.

The second part of the Bible is called the New Testament, and we can find records of Jesus' life and ministry in it. And some of the people who recorded what's written in the New Testament were people who actually lived with Jesus. They saw Jesus every day. They spent time with Jesus, and by doing that, they got to know more about what God is like through being with Jesus.

In the same way, we can spend time with God by reading the Bible. When we read it consistently, it can help us know what to do in every situation. The Bible isn't just empty words in a book, but instead it's God's words for us.

**So this week, let's take this challenge together: to commit to reading your Bible every day, even if it's for five minutes. Start by reading about Jesus' life. Pro tip: you can use the subject index or search bar feature to help you out!**