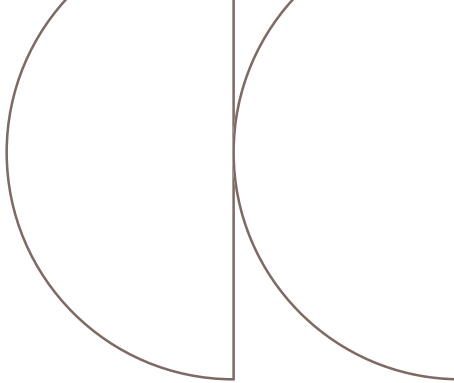


DAY 7

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8 NLT

Memorizing Scripture helps us align our perspective with God's perspective. This kind of thinking can transform the way we see society, other people, and ourselves. Committing Scripture to memory can help us begin to see life through the lens of what God says is true. At the end of each day, try to say the Scripture from memory and pay attention to your progress throughout the week.



DAILY DEVOTIONAL

FOR AN **everyday faith.**

EVEN IF/WEEK 3

HIGH SCHOOL

DAY 1

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Hebrews 12:2a NLT

Do you want to win at life? Everyone does! The only issue is that there are so many opinions on what "winning" at life actually looks like. In reality, Jesus is the only example of what it means to be perfectly human. He is who we look to when we're looking for the best way to live. During His time on earth He set a new way of life in motion through the way He acted, the things He taught, and how He treated other people. Now, we get to faithfully follow His example. We can be confident that even though the way of life He invites us into is different, it is better than anything else. See, He died and then came back to life three days later... and when that happens, you can assume that person knows how to truly live.

So today, take a few minutes to write down what you think the way of life that Jesus invites you into looks like. Then ask God to help you move in that direction more and more each day.

DAY 2

The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. Psalm 34:17 NLT

Have you ever been talking to a group of people, and you realized no one heard the last thing you said? It's awkward! Especially when it happens when you are asking a question or need help. Thankfully, we can be confident that we have a God who always hears us and is with us no matter what we are facing. Your voice, your prayers, your deep thoughts, your casual comments never go unnoticed.

How can you remind yourself that God is in tune with your life? Take a picture of nature and type Psalm 34:17 over it and make a new lock screen, or create a reminder that says "God is always there when I call out for help" in a place you'll see it often.

DAY 3

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Colossians 3:12 NIV

What are you clothed with? Most of our minds automatically go to brands, styles, and trends...which makes perfect sense. Now, there are some more important things that we clothe ourselves with as well. Do you want to know what you're really clothed with? Think about your answer to this question: When other people see you do they see things like compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience? Your answer to this question reveals what your life and actions are clothed in. Are you clothing yourself with the kinds of characteristics that show you are following Jesus?

Today, talk to your small group leader and ask them about what kind of characteristics you're wearing. If they see opportunities for you to grow in a specific area, ask them for advice on how to clothe yourself in more of that characteristic throughout your daily life.

DAY 4

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.
James 1:5 NIV

Do you ever feel stuck when you're trying to make decisions? Maybe you even seek advice, talk to people you trust, and spend a lot of time in deep thought. For whatever reason, you just can't get unstuck. Did you know that God wants you to bring these kinds of problems to Him? Not only that, He also wants to give you wisdom. And the Creator of everything might just be the wisest One we have access to. When you ask God for wisdom He promises to give it to you generously.

Today, take some time to ask God to give you wisdom for the circumstances and situations where you need it most. Then, trust Him to provide it through the people around you, the Scriptures, and your time with Him.

DAY 5

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
John 14:27 NIV

Would you use the word "peaceful" to describe the current state of the world? No chance! It's obvious that we could all use a little more peace, isn't it? We live in a time where anxiety, depression, and stress run rampant. Honestly though, it kind of makes sense why this is happening. We have constant access to tragic news, bitter debates, and distracting content. This 24/7 stream of information is often more than our minds can handle. We need something or Someone to bring us peace. Thankfully, this is what Jesus promised. When He could have promised power, money, and influence (things that seem like they would have been clutch nowadays), instead He made peace the priority. It's almost like He knows us better than we know ourselves. In our modern world, peace sounds SO appealing.

Today, take a few minutes to pray and ask God for peace. Then, be open to the fact that He may provide peace in ways that are different than you may be able to think of on your own.

DAY 6

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

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As much as we hate it, things change all the time. Everything changes, from small things like the weather to grades in school. Often-times we don't worry about these changes. They can be frustrating at times, but they are things that will continue to change for better or worse. Other changes in our lives may include a loss of a family member or changes in friends. These changes can be harder to accept, but all these changes have one thing in common: God is with us in the middle of it. In the Bible, we are assured that God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. There are days when our world feels like it is spinning and there is no way to stop it. It's like riding on a carousel or Merry-Go-Round. The horses on the outside are continuously spinning from the beginning of the ride to the end, but when you look at the middle of the ride, it remains still. While everything around it continues to spin, it remains stable.

When we look to God, He is the only thing in our lives that remains unchanging.