

# DAY 6

DEUTERONOMY 13:4, NIV

What does it really mean to obey and serve the Lord? It means trusting that God's plan for us is better than anything we could come up with on our own, even when it feels like we're losing something in the moment. Maybe it's choosing to stop hanging out with friends who aren't a good influence, stepping away from a sport or activity that's taking your focus off God, or letting go of a dream you've had for a long time. It could even be giving up time on your phone or social media to spend more time with God. But when we choose to follow God, what we think we're giving up is nothing compared to the life and purpose God's giving us in return. Where is God asking you to trust Him with something you're holding onto?

# DAY 7

EPHESIANS 3:20-21, NIV

God's power within us—what an incredible promise! When we invite the Holy Spirit into our hearts, we have access to a source of strength and power that transforms our weaknesses into something God can use for His glory. That power isn't just for us; it's how God works through us to bring hope and healing to a world broken by sin. We are part of God's plan to share God's love and light with others. How can you let God's power work through you to make a difference in the lives of the people around you?

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

# DAY 1

2 TIMOTHY 1:7, NIV

When we follow Jesus, He doesn't just make us better—He makes us brand new. He gave us the Holy Spirit to shine light in places we didn't even know were dark. Suddenly, fear and uncertainty don't have to control us because His Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-discipline. That means we're not left on our own to figure everything out. He helps us do what we could never do alone—like loving people who get on our nerves, standing up for what's right, or saying no to things that pull us away from Him. It's not about trying harder; it's about letting Jesus work in us and through us, turning our messy, ordinary lives into something only He can create.

**Think of one area in your life where you feel stuck—maybe fear has stopped you from doing something, or practicing discipline feels impossible. This week, ask God to help you in that area! Look for one small step you can take, and trust that God is working in you.**

# DAY 2

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9, NIV

In our world, power looks like a Marvel superhero—strong, invincible, able to solve any problem and defeat any villain. That's what we're told: strength means doing it all, handling everything, and never letting weakness show. But God flips that idea upside down. God says His power is made perfect in our weakness. When we're struggling, tired, or feel like we don't have what it takes, that's exactly when God shows up in the most incredible ways. God's strength doesn't need our muscles or perfect plans—it works best when we let go and trust God to do what we can't. So, what if real strength isn't about what you can do, but about what God can do through you when you let Him?

## DAY 3

CORINTHIANS 13:4-7, NIV

We all experience love in different ways, but the kind of love described here is a love that costs something. It's the love Jesus showed us when He went to the cross—a love that keeps giving, even when it's hard. It doesn't say, "I'll love you if it's easy, or if I get something out of it." Instead, it says, "I'll love you no matter what." This love forgives, protects, and never gives up. Who in your life has shown you that kind of unconditional love? And how can you show that same love to someone else today?

## DAY 4

ROMANS 7:18-19, NIV

It's easy to want to do the right thing, but so often, we find ourselves doing the exact opposite—the wrong thing. That's the struggle Paul describes in this verse, and it's something we all face. But through the Spirit of God, we can grow self-control—the kind of strength that helps us choose what's right, even when it's hard. It might mean walking away when friends start gossiping, holding back anger instead of letting it explode, or letting go of the need to be right in an argument. Self-control isn't about perfection; it's about letting God shape us a little more each day. Where is it hardest for you to not give in to what feels most easy? Look for God in everyday moments to give you strength to do what's right.

## DAY 5

MARK 1:35, NLT

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Have you ever had a really busy day where it felt like there's no spare time for anything? School, sports, friends, and homework have to take priority—so it can feel like there's no time left for God. But even Jesus, who was constantly surrounded by people, made time to connect with God. In this verse, we see Jesus getting up early to spend time in prayer, showing us how important it is to make space for time with God in our everyday lives.

Spending time with God doesn't have to mean waking up before sunrise or sitting in silence for hours. It can be as simple as reading a Bible verse before school, listening to worship music, journaling, or praying before bed. Just like any

friendship, our relationship with God grows when we spend time together.

**Pick one small way to spend time with God this week. Maybe it's continuing to read this devotional series, writing down things you're thankful for, or praying while you get ready in the morning. When you make time for God, you'll start noticing God more in your everyday life.**