

# DAY 6

**For the whole law can be summed up in one command: Love your neighbor as yourself. Galatians 5:14 NLT**

Have you ever wished you could get some sort of cheat sheet for the Bible? Like somehow have the whole point summed up in just a few sentences? While all the great things in the Bible can't be narrowed down to a few words, Paul did sum up the greatest command Jesus gave us in this verse: to love others. When we aren't sure what else to do, we can know that, as long as we're showing love to those around us, we're living out part of God's best for our lives.

**This week, make an effort to live this out by going out of your way to show God's love to someone else.**

# DAY 7

**Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. Matthew 22:37-38 NIV**

One of the things that takes first place in our faith is becoming more like Jesus. The more we live like Jesus, the more we're keeping the right things in first place in our lives! Jesus knew Scripture and quoted it often. So, when we do the same, we're modeling what Jesus did, too! We're memorizing what's important to Him as a way to help us know Him more.

**To work on memorizing this verse, talk to your small group leader or a trusted adult in your life about it. Ask them what they think it means and how they live that way in their own lives. Then, as you read it and try to memorize it yourself, think about what they shared with you!**

# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

FOR AN  
**everyday faith.**

FIRST PLACE / WEEK 4

MIDDLE SCHOOL

# DAY 1

**And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19 NIV**

We don't have to fully understand God to trust that God fully understands us. We are known and loved by God, just as we are right now! And because of that love, God promises to take care of us in any and every situation. Of course, that doesn't mean we won't have problems, but it does mean that when we do, we have the power of God to help us. We can rest in God's love for us no matter what!

**This week, ask an adult that you trust to share how God took care of them during a difficult time in their life.**

# DAY 2

**For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13 NLT**

The older we get, the more freedom we want to have—freedom from rules, freedom from chores, freedom from our parents. While we want freedom to do the things we want, the Bible reminds us that the point of our freedom is actually to use it to do what God calls us to do. And often, God calls us to use that freedom to love and serve others. It isn't easy, but as you grow, focus on using your freedom the way God wants you to use it. Focus on putting loving others in first place!

**This week, thank God for the freedom you have, and ask God to help you use it to serve and help others.**

## DAY 3

**Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive.**

**Titus 3:14 NLT**

We all have problems! And when we're dealing with problems in our lives, it can be easy to forget that others around us may be going through similar things. Part of sharing God's love with others is helping them through their times of need, even if it means putting our own problems aside to do it. God didn't call us to walk through life alone. That means that, in the same way we can help others when they're in need, others will show up to help us when we need it.

**This week, think about someone in your life who has a need. Then, do what you can to help them meet it!**

## DAY 4

**And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.**

**Philippians 1:6 NLT**

Have you ever struggled to finish something you started? Maybe you tried to learn to play the piano, but eventually lost interest. Or you wanted to redecorate your room, but got bored halfway through. Fortunately, God is not like us in this way. When God starts to change our lives for the better, God doesn't quit. God keeps going until the work in our lives is complete. Even on bad days, we can trust that God will never give up on us. And with that same love, we can choose not only to not give up on ourselves, but to not give up on others, too!

**As you pray today, thank God for being a God who never quits or gives up! Ask for help showing up and loving others the same way God shows up and loves you!**

## DAY 5

**Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.**

**Philippians 2:4 NLT**

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Jesus did countless things during His time on Earth that were truly amazing. He had a true interest in loving others. I don't know about you, but it's hard for me not to wonder if He ever took a "me day." You know, taking a day to do something that HE really wanted to do. Did he ever say to someone who needed healing, "Hey, I would heal you, but I have to catch the football game?" He could have possibly said, "I know you all are hungry, but there is an Xbox sale down the street that I need to check out." Although Jesus took rest days during His life, He took an interest in loving people. Loving people was His main priority.

You see, Jesus does not expect us to perform miracles like healing the blind or feeding a crowd of people. What He asks us to do is go above and beyond when attempting to show love to others. To show love to others, we

must show a true interest in the needs and wants of the people around us. This can be difficult, especially when others do not show any interest in our wants, needs, and feelings, but we need to remember that, while on Earth, Jesus made a clear interest in loving people. That can inspire us to do the same!

**So today, look for one way you can show love to someone around you like Jesus did, whether you know them or not. Then, do that thing, remembering how Jesus loved and looked out for others too!**