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MARCH 1

WATCH AND SEE

We had great burdens there that were greater than our own strength. . . . But this happened so that we would not trust in ourselves. It happened so that we would trust in God.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:8–9

There will be days when you just cannot handle the troubles that are thrown at you—at least not on your own. And sometimes, the harder you try to fix things, the worse they seem to get!

What should you do? Turn to God. Tell Him all about those troubles and trust Him to fix them. He'll not only help you through them, but He'll use them—like a tool—to shape you into the person He created you to be.

God never meant for you to live life all on your own. He wants you to live life *with Him*. He wants to be there for you and to help you—you just have to let Him. And when you let God into your life, He'll do more with it than you could ever imagine.

So don't be afraid when you face troubles. Trust God. Then watch for the amazing ways He helps you.

Jesus, I give all my troubles to You. And I can't wait to see how You help me, amen.

TODAY WITH JESUS . . . LOOK FOR
THE WAYS GOD HELPS YOU.



MARCH 2

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY

All people have sinned. . . . People are made right with God by his grace, which is a free gift. They are made right with God by being made free from sin through Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 3:23–24

Do you ever think about your sins? Maybe you've been angry, jealous, or selfish. Or perhaps you've lied, cheated, or talked badly about a friend. Do you ever worry that your sins will keep you out of heaven? After all, the apostle Paul said, "Those who do these things will not be in God's kingdom" (Galatians 5:21). Is it possible that you've done something so bad, so sinful that God just won't forgive you?

No!

Dear child, everyone sins in some way. Your sins don't surprise God. He knows you're going to mess up. That's why He sent Jesus. And when you decide to accept Jesus as your Savior, His blood—the blood He shed on the cross—washes away all your sins. Jesus makes everything between you and God right again. You don't have to worry or be afraid. You just need Jesus.

Jesus, thank You for washing me clean and taking away all my sins, amen.

**TODAY WITH JESUS . . . PRAISE HIM
FOR TAKING AWAY YOUR SINS.**



MARCH 3

THE DEVIL'S TRICKS

The woman saw that the tree was beautiful. She saw that its fruit was good to eat and that it would make her wise. So she took some of its fruit and ate it.

GENESIS 3:6

The Devil is a tricky fellow. He knew Eve wanted wisdom, so he told her the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge would make her wise. He'll try to trick you in the same way—by pretending to offer you what you want. And because the Devil knows *exactly* what you want, he'll hide the sin inside that thing you want. Then, if the Devil is able to trick you into sinning, he'll try to make you feel so ashamed that you hide from God, just as Adam and Eve did in the garden.

First of all, there's no sin so terrible that it would ever make God stop loving you or wanting you with Him. Secondly, when you sin—and everyone does—don't hide from God. *Run to Him*. Ask Him to forgive you—and that's exactly what God will do. Ask Him to help you never fall for that same trap again—and He'll help guide you away from it.

Father God, thank You for loving me so much. I know that I can always come and talk to You, amen.

**TODAY WITH JESUS . . . BE ON THE LOOKOUT
FOR THE DEVIL'S TRICKS AND TRAPS.**



MARCH 4

TALK TO GOD FIRST

Wisdom begins with respect for the Lord. And understanding begins with knowing God.

PROVERBS 9:10

When you're surrounded by troubles, it's tempting to try to fix them yourself, isn't it? *Don't!* Because only God knows everything about your troubles and the perfect way to fix them.

A man named Gehazi learned that lesson long ago. Gehazi was a servant of the prophet Elisha. When the king of Aram sent his massive army to capture Elisha, Gehazi was terrified. He and his master Elisha were surrounded by soldiers, horses, and chariots.

"Master, what can we do?" Gehazi asked.

Elisha simply prayed, "Lord, open my servant's eyes."

Suddenly Gehazi saw that the Lord's heavenly army was all around them, ready to fight for them. The battle was already won (2 Kings 6:8–19)!

When you're surrounded by troubles, don't count only on what *you* can see and figure out for yourself. Count on God. He's in control, and He'll win the battle for you.

Dear God, only You know everything. Help me remember to talk to You about my troubles first, amen.

TODAY WITH JESUS . . . TELL GOD
ABOUT YOUR TROUBLES.



MARCH 5

NO

I will say to the Lord, “You are my place of safety and protection. You are my God, and I trust you.” God will save you from hidden traps.

PSALM 91:2–3

Nobody likes to hear the word *no*, not even from God. But sometimes, even though you pray and pray for God to answer a certain way, He says no. That’s when you have a choice to make: When what you want is different from what God wants, will you accept His answer? Or will you demand your own way?

The first thing to remember is that God loves you more than you can imagine and only wants the very best for you. So when He says no, it’s for a very good reason. He may be protecting you from something that would end up hurting you. Or He may be saying no to this thing so that He can bless you with something even better later.

You may not understand right away why God says no, but someday you will. Until then, trust Him—and say yes to God, even when His answer is no.

Jesus, I know You only do what’s best for me. Help me trust You, especially when You say no, amen.

TODAY WITH JESUS . . . THANK GOD,
EVEN WHEN HIS ANSWER IS NO.



MARCH 6

THIS WAY OR THAT WAY?

Depend on the Lord. Trust him, and he will take care of you.

PSALM 37:5

When you have a tough decision to make, what do you do? If you're like most people, you probably start trying to figure out what your choices are. What would happen if you chose this? Or that? Which would be harder or easier?

Those are good questions to ask—until God asks you to just trust Him and make the hard choice. It might be the one that doesn't make sense to you. Or it might be the one with bigger challenges—challenges you know you can't handle by yourself. That's when faith has to step in, and you just have to trust God to get you through.

The wonderful thing about trusting God with your decisions is that He'll take you places and show you things you've never even dreamed of. Don't miss out—trust and obey God, and then look for His amazing power to work in your life.

Lord, I know You'll never lead me the wrong way. I will follow You always, amen.

TODAY WITH JESUS . . . ASK GOD TO
GUIDE YOUR DECISIONS.



MARCH 7

I'M SORRY, GOD

Being sorry in the way God wants makes a person change his heart and life. This leads to salvation.

2 CORINTHIANS 7:10

When you mess up and sin, you need to tell God you're sorry. But that's not all you need to do. God also wants you to *repent*, which is a fancy word that means three things:

1. *Recognize* what you did was actually a sin. You learn about what God calls *sin* when you read the Bible.
2. *Agree* with God that you sinned. If you don't agree with God that you were wrong, then you're not really sorry. It's like apologizing for yelling at your brother or sister—not because you're sorry, but because you don't want to get in trouble.
3. *Turn away* from that sin. Choose to obey God and to not do that sin again. The amazing thing is that God will actually help you obey Him.

So, yes, when you sin, tell God how very sorry you are—but then *repent* and follow Him.

Lord, I see now that what I did was wrong. Please forgive me and help me to obey You from now on, amen.

TODAY WITH JESUS . . . ADMIT WHEN YOU'RE WRONG.