

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Do Something / Week 1

“He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes, placing them in seats of honor. For all the earth is the Lord’s, and he has set the world in order.”

1 Samuel 2:8 NLT

DAY 1

Though it may not always feel like it, God is in control. That can be hard to understand or even believe when we look around and see the difficult circumstances or unfair treatment so many people are experiencing. It’s important to remember that even when we can’t see it, God is working. He’s working in the lives of every person who is experiencing injustice. He wants to right the wrongs of this world, and that is something we can trust. This week, make time to talk to a trusted adult or Small Group Leader in your life. Ask them how they remember that God is working in the world even when they can’t see it.

“So, the Lord must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the Lord is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help.”

Isaiah 30:18 NLT

DAY 2

Do you remember the first time you jumped off a diving board? Chances are you had to push yourself to take that first leap, but after the first jump, you knew it was worth it! The same can be true when it comes to putting our faith into action. God asks us to take the first leap. To trust in Him. And once we take that first leap, we’re so glad we did. No matter what He calls us to do or how He chooses to use us in His good plans for the world, we can trust that it will be worth it! What big leap can you take in your faith this week? Talk to a friend or trusted adult about what you think this might look like for you.

“There is joy for those who deal justly with others and always do what is right.”

Psalms 106:3 NLT

DAY 3

Fact: Doing the right thing isn’t always easy. In fact, it can be just plain hard! When we see injustices in the world around us or notice people who are hurting, we know the right thing is to speak up and help. But actually doing it? Well, that takes a lot of courage! And that’s where God comes in. He makes doing the right thing not only easier to do, but also worth doing. So today, pray about how you can choose the right thing. Ask God to show you where He’s asking you to step up or speak out, and then pray for His courage to do it!

<p><i>“Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.”</i></p> <p>Philippians 2:4 NLT</p>	<p>DAY 4</p> <p>Have you ever seen a team compete in an obstacle course? The goal is to have every team reach the finish line by getting through each obstacle in the shortest amount of time. The team works together. They help push each other so that everyone can reach the goal. As followers of Jesus, we should work in the same way. We’re all on one team working toward one goal together: to serve and love others as Jesus did for us. That means we put the needs and interests of others before our own. It’s not always easy, but when we work together and encourage each other to keep going, we can do something big for others! Today, talk to your Small Group about how you can work to serve others together.</p>
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<p><i>“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.”</i></p> <p>Galatians 6:9 NLT</p>	<p>DAY 5</p> <p>Have you ever set a goal? If you have, then you know trying to reach it isn’t always easy. It takes a lot of hard work and determination to get there! And honestly, that’s why giving up can be so easy. Here, the writer of Galatians gives us a goal: to not give up or get tired of doing what is good and right. How do we reach it? With God’s help! And if we keep going, He encourages us that it will be worth it in the end. Is there an injustice you see in the world around you? Think about how you can get involved or learn more. Then, ask God to help you continue to do what is good and not give up.</p>
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<p><i>“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.”</i></p> <p>Psalms 89:14 NIV</p>	<p>DAY 6</p> <p>Have you ever seen a house being built? Before any house can stand on its own, a foundation has to be laid underneath it. Why? So the house will not collapse. The same goes for our faith! If we want to be able to keep going, keep standing, and keep growing in our faith, we have to start with the right foundation. We have to start with knowing and believing in God. Once we have that foundation to stand on, we can do good in the world knowing God is there supporting us. Talk to your Small Group Leader this week about how you can build a strong foundation in your faith.</p>
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<p><i>“All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.”</i></p> <p>1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT</p>	<p>DAY 7</p> <p>Memorizing Scripture is something we can do to help not just ourselves, but others, too. When we know God’s Word, we can more easily share it with other people who might need encouragement, wisdom, or truth. So this week, work to memorize this verse. Put it to the tune of a song and sing it to yourself to help you remember. Then, share your masterpiece with a friend, letting them hear the song you created and the Scripture you memorized.</p>
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