
DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Do Something / Week 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

DAY 1

Do you remember the first time you experienced a taste of freedom? Maybe it was when you were a kid and your parents let you ride your bike around the block by yourself. Or when you were allowed to stay at home without a babysitter. Maybe it was when you got your driver's license and drove somewhere on your own. That feeling of freedom and possibility is amazing. Sometimes we handle freedom well. Other times? Not so much. In this letter to the church in Galatia, Paul tells us as followers of Jesus we have been called to freedom. But that freedom is not an invitation to do what we want without any consequences. We are called to a freedom that leads us to serve each other, to look out for other people's best interest. The freedom we experience in our lives should lead others to the same kind of freedom. That's what love looks like. **Today, use your free time to serve someone else—not because you have to, but because you can.**

Your justice is eternal, and **your instructions are perfectly true.**

PSALM 119:142 NLT

DAY 2

The internet is awesome for a lot of reasons. In a matter of seconds, we can find out what is happening anywhere in the world. It's amazing! But also? It can be overwhelming. Having access to so much information means we read the difficult news in the world, as well as the good. We hear about wars, crimes against helpless groups of people, and injustices, and before too long it can all start to feel hopeless.

This verse from Psalms is a reminder that when things feel out of control, God is not. His justice is never taking a break. He hasn't stopped paying attention. As dark as the world can sometimes feel, God's justice is eternal, making things right in a way that will last. Even if you don't see it yet, don't give up on God.

Today, when things feel dark, hopeless, or out of control, remember, God is light, God gives us hope, and God is in control. He hasn't stopped working, and even better? We get to work alongside Him.

He will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth. Even distant lands beyond the sea will wait for His instruction.

ISAIAH 42:4 NLT

DAY 3

Do you ever get the feeling that the world is super big, and you are super small, and how could God ever pay attention to the things going on in your world? Like, there are a ton of other more important things for Him to do? Sometimes the things in the world seem so large and overwhelming it can be hard to imagine God can do something about all of it—most of all the things we are experiencing in our own world.

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| | <p>This verse from Isaiah is a reminder that God is passionate about justice. No matter where injustice is found, no matter how big or small it is, no matter how unnoticed you may feel in the moment, God has not overlooked or forgotten any injustice. He wants every child of His to be treated like they matter...because they do! So, any injustice that communicates something different? That's not okay with God.</p> <p>Today, keep your eye open for even the smallest of injustices around you. And if you see something, instead of feeling hopeless, take a moment to pray, thanking God that He cares, and then asking Him how you can you do your part to bring justice to the world around you.</p> |
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| <p>And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>PHILIPPIANS 4:19 NLT</p> | <p>DAY 4</p> <p>Sometimes when we hear people talk about how they see God, it can feel like, this person had everything going for them, so of course it feels like God is close to them or God loves them or God will take care of them. The thing about this verse from the apostle Paul, is that as he is writing about how good and great God is, he isn't doing it from a place of life being easy. The apostle Paul experienced being arrested and imprisoned for his faith, being persecuted, even shipwrecked. Paul did not have an easy life. He experienced injustices around every corner. But it never led him to doubt God's goodness or presence in the midst of all of it.</p> <p>If Paul can face all the injustices he did and continue to say with confidence that God will take care of us, no matter what we are facing, we can take him at his word. Today, remember that God didn't give up on Paul and He won't give up on us. He is present with us in all things.</p> |
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| <p>"He uncovers mysteries hidden in darkness; He brings light to the deepest gloom."</p> <p>JOB 12:22 NLT</p> | <p>DAY 5</p> <p>The book of Job in the Bible is one of those books we don't typically spend a lot of time in. It can be confusing...and depressing. In Job, we read about a man whose whole life falls apart. He loses everything. His family, his land, his money. He has nothing left. Worst of all, the friends don't exactly do a great job of being the kind of friends you want to have around in a tough season. Which is what makes what Job says here so important. In all that went wrong in his life, Job continued to see God as he really was, and not just what his experiences could have made him think about God. In other words, Job was able to praise God when life was good. But even more amazing, when he experienced so many difficult things, Job was still able to say that God, even there, can bring light.</p> <p>Today, no matter how dark circumstances in your life or the world around you, remember, God brings light. And one of the ways he does it is by using US. Look for a way to bring light to someone day.</p> |
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“He is the Rock; His deeds are perfect.
Everything He does is just and fair. **He
is a faithful God** who does no
wrong; how just and upright He is!”

DEUTERONOMY 32:4 NLT

DAY 6

Has anyone ever let you down before? Maybe it was a friend who talked about you behind your back. Or a parent who said they would be there for you, and then wasn't. Counting on someone who disappoints you is never easy. It can make us feel like no one is trustworthy and like the world is a very unsafe place to be. That is one of the reasons this verse from Deuteronomy is as powerful as it is. Here, God is referred to as a Rock. Dependable. Sturdy. Trustworthy. And later in the verse, the writer says he is faithful. When the world can feel unjust and unfair and undependable, God goes to great lengths to prove He is not that way. **Today, if someone or something lets you down, repeat to yourself, “God is a rock. He is faithful.”**

I once thought these things were
valuable, but now I consider them
worthless because of what Christ has
done. Yes, everything else is worthless
when compared with the infinite value
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For
His sake I have discarded everything
else, counting it all as garbage,
so that I could gain Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8 NLT

DAY 7

Type this verse on your notes app. Try reading it every time you open social media for a whole week!