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I WONDER | FEBRUARY 15 - 21, 2023
BUILD YOUR FAITH ON WHAT MATTERS MOST.

*He was there before
anything was made,
and all things
continue
because of him.*

Colossians 1:17 NCV

>> FEBRUARY 15

The more we memorize God's Word, the more we'll find confidence in God when we have questions. While we may not have all the answers, we can trust that God does! Pick a friend to help you this week. Split the verse in half, and once a day, text or say your half of the verse, allowing them to answer back and complete it.

*He existed before
anything else,
and he holds all
creation together.*

Colossians 1:17 NLT

>> FEBRUARY 16

Don't you wish there was a way to see the end result before you actually had to go through something? The fear of not knowing how things will work out can keep us from moving forward. But here's the thing: None of what you are going through is a surprise to God. Not only does God know what's going to happen, but God's with you, holding all things together. It's how God made the world, and it's how God cares for us still today.

You may recognize today's verse. It is a different translation of this month's memory verse. Use it as a reminder of God's promise to be with you and go before you whenever you find yourself stressed about the outcome of a situation in your life.

*Those who search
will surely find me.*

Proverbs 8:17b NLT

>> FEBRUARY 17

Sometimes we run into things that just don't make sense. Maybe you've experienced this feeling in a class at school. Or maybe you've watched a movie and felt confused by the plot. Honestly, faith is no different. In faith, we run into things that don't seem to make sense all the time. When that happens, fortunately we're not in it alone. Today's verse tells us what we can do: Seek God.

Today, go to God with a question about faith you've been wrestling with lately. Ask God to help you find the answer or give you peace and courage to trust even if the answer remains unclear.

*For we live by
believing and
not by seeing.*

2 Corinthians 5:7 NLT

>> FEBRUARY 18

Sometimes life seems like an incomplete picture—something we're supposed to try and put together all on our own. Not being able to see the bigger picture can certainly make it easy to doubt or question our faith.

But the good news is that it's actually our faith in Jesus that gives us the courage to take a step, even when we can't see what is in front of us. We can move forward knowing that Jesus sees the complete picture, and we can place our trust in Him to piece it all together.

Today, ask a trusted friend about a time their faith in Jesus helped them keep going, even when they couldn't see the whole picture.

*You can make many
plans, but the Lord's
purpose will prevail.*

Proverbs 19:21 NLT

>> FEBRUARY 19

Do you have a lot of hopes and dreams for your future? That's great! It's definitely an amazing thing to dream! But it can become an issue when those are the only plans we focus on.

When that happens, we close ourselves off to God's plans. But when we dream with God's plans in mind, we can trust that God has what's best for us. After all, God made the entire world! We can trust God to take care of the details in our lives with the same care.

Is there a dream or plan you have for your life? Pray about it, trusting God with your plans and future as you do.

*For the word of God
will never fail.*

Luke 1:37 NLT

>> FEBRUARY 20

When everything around you feels like it's letting you down, you can turn to the God who will never let you down. You can hold on to the fact that God's Word will always be true, even in times when you don't understand.

Take time this week to share with a friend or a family member about an area of your life where you need encouragement to believe that God will not fail you. Ask them to help you remember God's promises are true for you!

*All praise to God, the
Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ. It is by
his great mercy that
we have been born
again, because God
raised Jesus Christ
from the dead. Now
we live with great
expectation.*

1 Peter 1:3 NLT

>> FEBRUARY 21

Have you ever prayed for something and wondered if God really heard you? Today's verse is a great reminder that we don't have to wonder; we can know God does! Not only does God hear us, God can bring life and hope into every situation. Even when it feels like things are already dead, we can expect God to show us hope where we couldn't see it before. Because of God's mercy, death is never the end of the story.