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NEVER GIVE UP ON YOU

*The Lord is near to all
who call on him,
to all who call on him
in truth.*

Psalm 145:18 NIV

>> OCTOBER 12

In times of need, it's important for us to remember that God is with us. God loves us, cares for us, and hears us when we call. When we face troubles or challenges, it can be easy to feel like we're alone, but that's where memorizing verses like this one can help. It reminds us of the truth that God is always there and listening, ready to come close when we call.

To memorize this verse this week, make it a game! Flip a coin to start. If the coin lands on heads, read the verse out loud. If it lands on tails, try to recite the verse from memory. Keep going until you can say the entire verse from memory.

*And we know
that God causes
everything to work
together for the good
of those who love
God and are called
according to his
purpose for them.*

Romans 8:28 NLT

>> OCTOBER 13

Have you ever faced a challenge that made you want to give up? Maybe you couldn't pass that science test no matter how hard you tried. Maybe you were injured during the game and don't know if you'll be able to play again. Or maybe each day just feels like a set of small obstacles you're trying to get around.

No matter what it is that's holding you back, remember this truth: God has a plan for your life.

So, when circumstances make us want to give up, we can instead choose to trust God's plan—the plan that never fails or gives up on us!

*Give all your worries
and cares to God,
for he cares
about you.*

1 Peter 5:7 NLT

>> OCTOBER 14

When we're going through something difficult, sometimes we're tempted to believe that God has given up on us. It feels like we're all alone—like God has left us to deal with this all by ourselves. Verses like this one help us remember what's true! God cares for us. And because of that, we can give all our worries and difficulties to God. That's what God wants from us!

Each time we do, we're not only trusting that God cares for us, but we're choosing to not give up on the fact that God is working for our good, too!

*This I declare about
the Lord:
He alone is my refuge,
my place of safety;
he is my God,
and I trust him.*

Psalm 91:2 NLT

>> OCTOBER 15

Have you ever been so exhausted you could hardly do anything at all? Sometimes life can leave us feeling worn down and worn out. No matter how hard we try, we just can't seem to keep up!

When we get tired like that, it's important to remember we have a place where we can find rest: God. God loves us, cares for us, and wants to help us. When we're ready to give up, we can turn to God for help, knowing that we can trust God to take care of whatever is worrying us or holding us down.

Talk to your family about how they've seen God care for them when they needed rest. Then, ask them to help you see God doing the same in your life!

*No, in all these things
we are more than
conquerors through
him who loved us.*

Romans 8:37 NIV

>> OCTOBER 16

Fill in the blanks to this prayer: Lord, thank you for loving me and not giving up on me. Thank you that you loved us so much that you came down to this broken world and chose to live a life full of trials and hardships. Then you conquered death so we could experience a full life with you. Lord, I know that with your help, I can get through anything. Right now, I need help with _____ (hard situation). Please help me to persevere and give me the courage to take the next right step. Help me to act with integrity and love. Help me to see the situation as you see it and to look beyond myself. Thank you for walking with me through this situation; I know that I'm not alone. Amen.

*Now all glory to God,
who is able, through
his mighty power at
work within us, to
accomplish infinitely
more than we
might ask or think.*

Ephesians 3:20 NLT

>> OCTOBER 17

God wants to work through our lives to accomplish more than what we could ever ask for or think about on our own. God is already working through us right now!

So today, think about how God is already at work in your life. What amazing things is God already doing? Spend a couple of minutes thanking God for those things and ask God to continue to work in you and through you as you go through your week and the rest of your life.

*So we don't look at the
troubles we can see
now; rather, we fix our
gaze on things that
cannot be seen. For
the things we see now
will soon be gone, but
the things we cannot
see will last forever.*

2 Corinthians 4:18 NLT

>> OCTOBER 18

What you focus on in life matters. If you focus on your troubles, your mind stays only on your troubles. And that can make them seem bigger, more overwhelming, and harder to overcome. But when you focus on something else—something bigger than your troubles—you'll find your mind has less space to give to your troubles.

Here, Paul reminds us the best place to put our focus is on the things of God. Though we can't always see God, we can trust God is working for our good.

Is there something that's troubling you right now? The next time you think about it, stop and look up. Let it represent shifting your focus away from your trouble and on to the God who is big enough to handle them.