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NEVER GIVE UP ON OTHERS

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

Psalms 145:18 NIV

>> OCTOBER 5

The Bible is God's Word, written specifically for us. It's a way for us to learn about and connect with God anytime and anywhere. When we memorize Scripture, it gives us access to God's truth at all times, and that is something we need if we want to be resilient in this life!

But, like many things, memorizing scripture is better when done with friends! So pick a friend and practice saying this verse to one another every day this week.

*Don't look out
only for your own
interests, but take an
interest in others, too.*

Philippians 2:4 NLT

>> OCTOBER 6

It can be easy to focus only on ourselves. If we're being honest, we'd all probably admit that taking our eyes off our own challenges and circumstances can be hard. But here, Paul reminds us how important it is to focus on others, too. God wants us to grow and develop in our own faith, but God also wants us to encourage those around us to do the same.

Take time today to think about a person in your life who could use some encouragement. Take a step this week to focus on building them up instead of just focusing on yourself.

*Let us think of ways
to motivate
one another to acts of
love and good works.*

Hebrews 10:24 NLT

>> OCTOBER 7

A little encouragement can go a long way, can't it? When you're struggling to keep going, facing a challenge in life, or just feeling discouraged, even the tiniest bit of encouragement can help you get through the day. Well, believe it or not, it works both ways! Other people can get encouragement from us, too! God gives all of us the ability to be an encourager to those around us.

Today, find a way to encourage someone with a kind note, a smile, or a helping hand.

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 NIV

>> OCTOBER 8

Have you ever heard the saying, “Hanging on by a thread?” Sometimes loneliness can feel like that...like we’re barely hanging on. If God designed humans to need community and companionship, then loneliness is a red flag that tells us something isn’t right. We need good friends in our life to walk with us, to help us when we fall, and to encourage us not to give up. When God is at the center of those relationships, they’re even stronger.

Who is someone in your life that makes you better and stronger?

Tell them thank you today for being your person and say a prayer thanking God for putting them in your life.

We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord.

Romans 15:2 NLT

>> OCTOBER 9

Have you ever had a friend encourage you to do what’s right? Maybe they pushed you to be kind to someone, or helped you study for a test so you wouldn’t be tempted to cheat, or invited you to church. Whatever it was, you know you couldn’t have done it without their help to go in the right direction. Their encouragement made all the difference!

Now, imagine if you did the same for someone else.

What would it look like for you to encourage someone in your life toward what’s right? To help them, support them, and cheer them on toward good things? As Paul reminds us in this verse, it’s something followers of Jesus should do for each other.

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

>> OCTOBER 10

Paul, the writer of this verse, reminds us to encourage others and build each other up. Because it’s when we encourage others that they will be able to see God in us through our words and our actions.

So today, think about how you can encourage or build someone else up. Maybe it’s reminding someone that they are important to you, or telling somebody what you most admire about them, or congratulating a teammate (or even an opponent) who makes a great play. Then, do it!

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.

Romans 15:5 NLT

>> OCTOBER 11

Your friends who are kind, helpful, and always willing to be there for you are easy to love and support. But the people who can be harsh, or never listen, or always cause a lot of drama? Well, they’re not as easy to encourage, are they?

Here, Paul’s words remind us that it is God who gives us all the patience we need to get along with and encourage each other. When we want to give up on people in our lives, we can look to God for the patience we need to be encouraging, supportive friends to everyone in our lives.

Today, think of someone in your life you’re tempted to give up on. Ask God for patience to stick with them and even encourage them along the way.