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NEVER GIVE UP ON GOD

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

Psalm 145:18 NIV

>> SEPTEMBER 28

One of the best things we can do when we're facing challenging or difficult circumstances is to call on God. While it can be easy to think that God is distant, verses like this remind us that God is actually closer than we realize ... all the time. All we have to do is call!

To help you keep this truth in mind, memorize this verse. Then, every day this week, use the words in prayer. For example, you could pray, "Dear God, thank you for being near to me when I call on you. Help me be resilient through the truths I learn about you by memorizing scripture. Amen."

*I have told you all this
so that you may have
peace in me. Here on
earth, you will have
many trials and
sorrows. But take
heart, because I have
overcome the world.*

John 16:33 NLT

>> SEPTEMBER 29

What image comes to mind when you think about courage? The idea behind the word courage comes from the word "heart." That means when we gather the courage to do something scary, that bravery comes from our hearts. When we are resilient and push forward through difficult situations, it comes from the courage Jesus has given us in our hearts. When Jesus reminds us here to "take heart," He's basically saying, "Be brave. Be encouraged. I'm the One who will win in the end."

Knowing Jesus is with us and will take care of everything we're facing can give us the motivation and courage we need to keep going!

*I look up to the
mountains—
does my help come
from there?
My help comes
from the Lord,
who made heaven
and earth!*

Psalm 121:1-2 NLT

>> SEPTEMBER 30

Even if you've never seen a mountain in person, you know based on pictures how massive and breathtaking they are. They rise above the earth, solid and sturdy. No matter what weather or natural disasters they face, those mountains remain standing. They are great examples of resilience!

And more than that, they're a reminder of the God who made them (and us!) to be resilient. God made the mountains, the sky they reach up to, and the ground they stand on. God created those mountains to stand strong through whatever comes their way, and God can do the same for you.

*Trust in the Lord
always, for the
Lord God is the
eternal Rock.*

Isaiah 26:4 NLT

>> OCTOBER 1

The next time you go outside, find a small rock and hold it in your hand. The thing about rocks is that they have a pretty long lifespan! And while that's a fun fact, it's even better when we think about what the Bible says about God being like a rock.

See, the Bible promises us that God, like a rock, lasts forever—like actually forever! That means God is indestructible, sturdy, trustworthy, and dependable for all of time. God is the one thing we can count on to stay the same no matter what happens in life.

Talk with your family about how they trust and count on God. Then pray together, thanking God for being dependable in a real, lasting way.

*For God
is working in you,
giving you the desire
and the power to do
what pleases him.*

Philippians 2:13 NLT

>> OCTOBER 2

On any given day, our motivation to do all the things we need to do can vary in intensity.

Sometimes, especially when things are going well, we feel on top of it all and have plenty of energy to keep going. But when circumstances feel tough, we can feel like we don't have it in us to make it through the day. The good news is, we can always get a little help from God.

When we choose to follow Jesus, God starts working in our lives to give us the motivation to keep going and growing in faith no matter what.

*Because of the LORD's
great love we are not
consumed, for his
compassions never
fail. They are new
every morning; great
is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV

>> OCTOBER 3

God's love and compassion for us are new every morning. We can have a fresh start, knowing God's love for us will never dry up! God inspires, energizes, and empowers us each and every morning and throughout the day.

When you feel like giving up, choose instead to say, "Great is Your faithfulness." Never give up on God because God will never give up on you.

*You are the God who
performs miracles;
you display
your power
among the peoples.*

Psalms 77:14 NIV

>> OCTOBER 4

It can be hard to remember that the God who performed all the miracles we read about in the Bible is the same God we can know personally today.

But when we take a moment to realize that truth, it can help us keep the right perspective about who God is.

The same God who was powerful enough to help save, rescue, and heal so many in the Bible is the same God who is powerful enough to help you deal with the obstacles that you face in your life today.