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AS A CHILD OF GOD, YOU ARE ENOUGH.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

>> NOVEMBER 8

One of the best things about memorizing Scripture is that it helps more than just us. When we commit God's Word to memory, we can use it to help and encourage others. Part of following God is building others up, and Scripture helps us do that! So, work to memorize this verse this week with a friend.

Ask someone to help you by texting it back and forth to each other each day. Not only will you start memorizing it, but you'll be encouraging each other with truth as you do!

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalms 139:14 NIV

>> NOVEMBER 9

Have you ever been proud of something you created? Maybe it was a sculpture, or a woodworking project, or even a paper for school. You put in so much work, that it didn't matter what others thought because you knew how much energy you put into what you made. Well, for as much effort you put into your creation, God put even more into creating you! You have been "fearfully and wonderfully made" by God to be exactly the person you're becoming.

So today, find a way to remind yourself you are God's masterpiece . . . because you are!

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?

Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:29-31 NIV

>> NOVEMBER 10

How amazing is God? As this verse shows us, God cares enough about the birds He created to know when just one of them falls to the ground! Not only that, but God knows how many hairs are not just on your head, but on everyone's heads. Just stop and think about that for a minute. God created everything we see. And God knows every detail about that creation. When we make the choice to follow God, we're choosing to follow someone who made us, knows us, and cares about every detail of our lives. That's how valuable we are to God.

Take five minutes today to go outside, listen for birds, and pray - thanking God for caring so much about you.

*But he said to me,
"My grace is sufficient
for you, for my power
is made perfect in
weakness." Therefore
I will boast all the
more gladly about my
weaknesses, so that
Christ's power may
rest on me.*

2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

>> NOVEMBER 11

When we're bragging about ourselves, we don't tend to highlight our weaknesses. Of course not! When we're talking about ourselves, we bring attention to our strengths—the things we do well! But have you ever thought about how we could actually get excited about our weaknesses? Our struggles can actually be opportunities to show God's power. When you follow God, you don't have to be ashamed of your weaknesses. It's in those places that God's strength comes through and shines brightest.

*For the Spirit God gave
us does not make us
timid, but gives us
power, love and self-
discipline.*

2 Timothy 1:7 NIV

>> NOVEMBER 12

We've all faced moments when we've wondered if we've got what it takes. Can we pass that test? Can we beat that team? Can we get that part? Can we stand up against that injustice? Can we tell the truth about what we've done wrong? When we're in those moments, it's important to remember that God promises to give us everything we need to face whatever it is that's in front of us. As followers of God, all we have to do is ask for God's help when we need it. Then, we can remember the power, love, self-discipline, and more that God has already given us.

So today, when you think about what's intimidating you, remember that you have all you need to face it!

*God created humanity
in God's own image,
in the divine image
God created them,
male and female God
created them.*

Genesis 1:27 CEB

>> NOVEMBER 13

Every single person you see today was created by God. Your teachers, your parents, your siblings, your friends—they were all made in God's image. And yes, that includes you! When you look in the mirror, sometimes it's easy to forget this truth. It's easier to focus on all the things we don't like about ourselves than to see the good of God's creation staring back at us. But the truth is, you were created in God's image, and that means you're valuable. You're important. You're exactly the way that God wants you to be!

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>> NOVEMBER 14

God is working in the world and in our lives, but it's not an instant process. We don't always see immediate answers to prayer or instantly see change happening in our life. God is doing a good work within you – changing the way you think, helping you grow in wisdom – but this is a long process. Oftentimes we can see progress in others more clearly than we see it in ourselves.

Today, write down three things that make you a masterpiece. Then, put that list somewhere you'll see it often as a reminder that as a child of God, you are more than enough!