

HOW CAN YOU FACE
CHALLENGES KNOWING

JESUS IS WITH YOU?

DAY 4

Jesus is always with you. He's there in the good times and the bad times. You know that, deep down. But will you remember it when life seems to go sideways?

Here's one way to give yourself a reminder.

FIND SOMETHING TO WRITE THESE VERSES ON. (JUST THIS PART—NOT THE ACTUAL VERSE.)

John 14:27

Philippians 4:6-7

1 Peter 5:7

Matthew 28:20

John 1:14

John 10:10

Put your notes in different places where you'll find them over the next few days—like on the back of the seat in your car, inside your soccer bag, or on a cereal box in the pantry.

When you see one of those notes, look up the verses in your Bible (or on your Bible app).

There's something about **SEEING** God's truth that reminds you to **LIVE IT**. His Word is powerful. It reminds you that Jesus is with you—which is exactly what you need to hear when you're up against something tough.

Who knows—maybe your parents or siblings will look up the verses when they see them. A little encouragement is great for everyone!

LIVE
FOR GOD

CONFIDENCE

LIVING LIKE YOU BELIEVE
WHAT GOD SAYS IS TRUE

DAY 1

Read Acts 4:1-22

There was only one way Peter and John could have stood up to the religious leaders the way they did. Check out verse 13. They were bold, fearless and confident for one reason: they had been with Jesus. That should give us confidence! After all, Peter and John weren't superheroes. They were "ordinary men with no training." For them, it was simple. They knew Jesus was with them.

Jesus was the One who gave them the power to heal the man who couldn't walk. There was no denying it. The man was standing right there next to them—living proof of the miracle they had done in Jesus' name.

When the leaders tried to threaten Peter and John not to speak or teach about Jesus anymore, you can feel the courage that rose up inside them:

"Which is right from God's point of view? Should we listen to you? Or should we listen to God? You be the judges! There's nothing else we can do. We have to speak about the things we've seen and heard." (Acts 4:19-20, NIRV)

Underline that last sentence in your Bible. That takes a lot of the pressure off, doesn't it? We don't have to have all the answers. Our job is to talk about the things we've seen and heard.

That means we just need to tell the truth about God. Remember, we have the exact same power in us that Peter and John did back then and we can face anything that stands in our way, because we know for sure that Jesus is with us!

WEEK 4

HEAR
FROM GOD

PRETEEN



DAY 2

Sometimes it can be hard to face a new day. You might have challenges ahead that you really don't want to deal with—like an audition, a dentist appointment, or having a serious conversation with a friend who upset you.

None of those situations are easy. Some of them are really difficult—even scary. But you CAN face them. Here's why. When Jesus is with you, you can face *anything*.

Jesus can give you the confidence to do things you need to do, but don't really want to. He can also give you the strength to deal with things that seem overwhelming. That's because it's not your strength—it's His.

If you ask Him, He can fill your heart with peace the passes all understanding. He can give you the courage to face the challenges of life head-on.

PRAY ABOUT THE CHALLENGES YOU'RE FACING TODAY, WHETHER THEY'RE BIG OR SMALL. ASK GOD TO HELP YOU FACE THEM. REMEMBER THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, JESUS IS ALWAYS WITH YOU.

PRAY
TO GOD



DAY 3

"WE HAVE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE THINGS WE'VE SEEN AND HEARD."

That's what Peter and John decided. They had seen Jesus say and do so many amazing things that they knew for sure He was the Son of God. There was no way they could keep from talking about Him and sharing what He had done for them.

So how about you? What are the things you've seen and heard?

WRITE DOWN SOME ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS BELOW.

- What does Jesus mean to you?
- If you do believe in Him, what was it that made you decide for sure?
- How have you seen Him come through for you, your family or friendships?

If you take the time answer those questions honestly, you've got a pretty great faith story to share! What's especially cool is that it's yours—no one else's. You know what you've seen and heard about Jesus. No one can tell your story like YOU can.

As you face challenges in life, other people might wonder where your strength comes from. They might wonder why you have a positive attitude even when things are difficult. That's the perfect time to tell your story—to share where your confidence comes from. You never know how God might use you to encourage someone else!

TALK
ABOUT GOD