

# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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## WEEK 4

IN TOUGH TIMES, GOD WORKS **IN** YOU SO THAT HE CAN WORK **THROUGH** YOU.

The Lord is close  
to the brokenhearted,  
he rescues those whose  
spirits are crushed.

PSALM 34:18

### DAY 1

HEAR // God is close. Stop and think for a moment about what that really means for you and your life. No matter how tough your current circumstance or situation is, God is close to you during that difficulty. He is there to comfort you, help you, and work in your life. Take a few minutes to write down what it means to you—how it makes you feel and how it can help you—that God is close during your hardest experiences. When we begin to trust that God is close to us in our tough times, we might just begin to see those tough times as opportunities for Him to work in us and through us.



“MY POWER IS  
MADE PERFECT  
IN WEAKNESS.”

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9b

### DAY 2

PRAY // What if our toughest moments in life are God's greatest opportunities to show us—and others—His power? When we are weak and worn out from the situations we're facing, God's power shows up. God can use our hard times to display His power in a way that builds our own faith AND causes others to wonder where we're getting our strength to press forward. Are you facing any tough situations—big or small—this week? Today, ask God to help you view that situation as an opportunity to display His power and what He's capable of. Choose to trust that when you're weak, His power will show up at just the right time in your life.



He **COMFORTS**  
us in all our troubles  
so that we can  
**COMFORT OTHERS.**

2 CORINTHIANS 1:4a

### DAY 3

LIVE // So much of what God does for us is meant to be passed along to other people. He cares for us so that we know how to care for others. This is especially true in times of trouble. When we're facing tough times, God is there to bring us comfort. Then, we get to pass along the same type of comfort to others when they're facing difficulty. This week, if you know someone going through something hard right now, find a way to help comfort them as a friend. Think about the ways God has comforted you and pass them along.



God is our refuge  
and strength, **always**  
**ready to help** in times  
of trouble.

PSALM 46:1b

### DAY 4

HEAR // God has to be pretty busy, right? After all, there are over seven billion people on Earth and He's supposed to be taking care of all of us—that's a pretty big job! Well, thankfully God is capable of caring for all of us at the same time. Come on though, it's still pretty incredible that He's ALWAYS ready to help us when we're in trouble. God is ready, responsive, and involved when we are feeling hurt, down, or defeated. It's easy to assume God is far away and unable to care about the smaller details in our lives. But the opposite is true! Is there an area of your life you could really use God's help or comfort right now? Pray to God about it. He's always available for you.



Dear brothers and  
sisters, when troubles  
come your way, consider  
it an opportunity for  
**GREAT JOY.**

JAMES 1:2

### DAY 5

PRAY // Okay, this verse sounds a little crazy at first. How can troubles actually bring us joy? But according to James, Jesus' brother, it's true. How? Because God can use troubles to our advantage. This happens when our faith in God gets stronger as the result of staying close to Him throughout our tough situations. This is why troubles are actually opportunity for joy: We can view them as opportunities to grow closer to God. Today, ask God to show you how your difficult circumstances can draw you close to Him. Ask Him to help you find joy through whatever you're facing as He strengthens your faith in Him.

