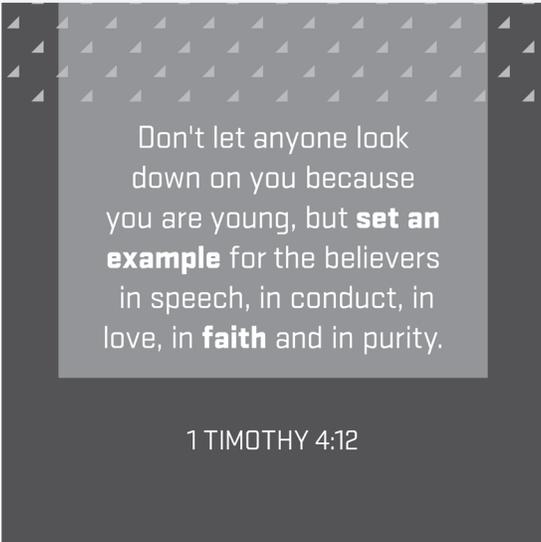

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DEALING WITH DOUBT IS PART OF GROWING YOUR FAITH.

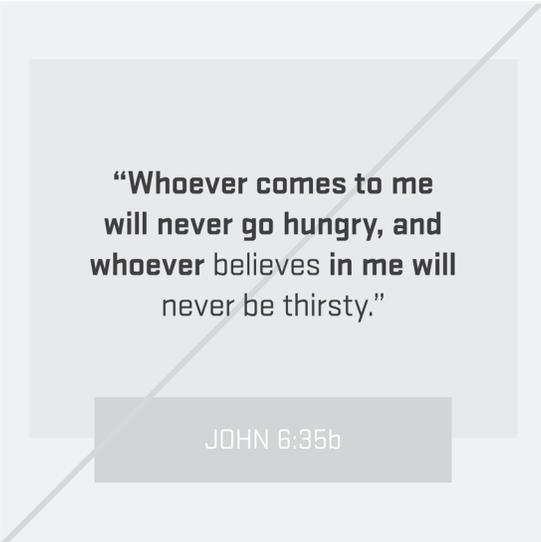


Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but **set an example** for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in **faith** and in purity.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12

DAY 1

PRAY // Going through phases of doubt is normal. Your world is expanding, you're asking big questions, and you're wondering if all the "God stuff" is worth it. The beautiful thing is that in spite of your doubt, you can still set an example of faith. You might be young, but you can be bold! It's not about faking it. It's about choosing to trust God and live for Him even when you have some doubts. And in those moments, you're setting an example of faith for those older and younger than you. Today, ask God to help you live faithfully for Him even in the moments you're wondering if it's all worth it.



"Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

JOHN 6:35b

DAY 2

HEAR // Oftentimes, when we're wrestling with what we believe about God, it's the result of us feeling unfulfilled by Him. Maybe we have unanswered prayers. Maybe we have more "fun" when we're not obeying Him. Or maybe we're just tired of church stuff. When this happens, it's tempting to pull away because of our doubts in Him or His plan for us. But Jesus tells us that if we'll choose to believe in Him, even in our moments of doubt, we'll ultimately find fulfillment and satisfaction. In other words, we'll never "thirst." Not physically, but spiritually. The next time you're facing some doubts, remember Jesus' promise to fulfill everyone who believes in Him. Believing in Him won't always come easy, but it really is the only way to find lasting fulfillment in life.



“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. **NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU.**”

MATTHEW 17:20b

DAY 3

HEAR // Do you ever have moments in life when your faith feels small—like the size of a tiny seed? Maybe you’re trusting God with some things or believing He’ll provided in some ways, but at the same time you’re also full of doubts about what He can do. Well, according to Jesus, all you need is a little bit of faith—the faith of a tiny mustard seed—to do great things. In other words, if we just trust Him in small ways, He can still choose to work in big ways in our lives. Throughout your week, when you feel low on faith, remember that He can do big things with even small amounts of faith.



Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and **don't argue** with them about what they think is right or wrong.

ROMANS 14:1

DAY 4

TALK // How do you respond to the doubts of others? Are you quick to try to convince them why their doubts aren’t legitimate? Or do you judge them because they struggle to believe? This week, take a new approach. Choose to LISTEN to someone around you that is wrestling with doubt. Don’t try to convince them they’re wrong or explain to them why they don’t need to doubt . . . just listen. Something powerful happens when we accept people in spite of their doubts. When we listen, people learn through us that God can handle their questions and accepts them just as they are.



We
LIVE BY FAITH,
not by sight.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

DAY 5

LIVE // Do you remember when “trust falls” went viral? Someone would run up to a group of people, close their eyes, yell “trust fall,” and then HOPE that their new friends would catch them before they hit the ground. Sometimes living by faith can feel a little bit like this—like taking a risk and just hoping God comes through for us. But the truth is, even though we can’t always see the outcomes, we can be confident that God will never fail us. He nails the trust fall every time. So what would you do this week if you had faith that God will not fail? What step would you take if you were 100 percent confident that God is with you, even if you can’t clearly see the outcome? Ask God for the courage to take that step this week.

