

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Do Something / Week 3

"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love."

Galatians 5:13 NLT

DAY 1

Jesus sets people free. And that's great news for us! But what does that actually mean? Well, it means that we have a choice: We can use our freedom to do what we want with our lives, or we can use our freedom to follow God's plan with our lives. When we use our freedom to live for ourselves, we miss out on the chance to impact others with God's love. So this week, as you find yourself deciding what to do with your freedom, stop and remember this verse. Ask God to remind you that your freedom is a gift to be used to serve and love others. It's a gift to be used to live your life for Him.

"Your justice is eternal, and your instructions are perfectly true."

Psalm 119:142 NLT

DAY 2

No one likes to be treated unfairly. When it happens, it usually makes us feel angry, or lonely, or frustrated. Maybe you even wonder if anyone—including God—cares about the injustice you've experienced. In moments like that, it's important to remember that God is a God who is for justice. He loves justice. And because of that, His heart is broken by injustice or unfair treatment of any kind. He cares about the hurts and wrongs we experience. So today, take time to tell God about any injustice you've experienced. Ask Him to help you trust that He cares about you and is with you in the middle of whatever you're going through.

"He will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth. Even distant lands beyond the sea will wait for his instruction."

Isaiah 42:4 NLT

DAY 3

It can be easy to be discouraged over the injustice around you. You might feel discouraged, sad, or even defeated by the things you see happening in the world. When you feel that way—when you're struggling not to lose heart—remember this verse. It's a great reminder that God won't stop working or give up until the wrongs of the world are made right through Him. To help you remember that, memorize this verse. Let it remind you that God is always working for the good of His people.

DAY 4

"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19 NLT

There's a difference between your *needs* and your *wants*. While there's nothing wrong with wanting more than you actually need, it's important to remember that God promises to provide not everything we want, but everything we need. In fact, He's already met our greatest need—the need for a relationship with Him. Our sins are forgiven because of Jesus' death on the cross, so we get to have a relationship with the God who loves us more than anybody. When you feel worried that you won't have something you need, remember that He has already provided what you need most through Jesus. Try to look for one way you see God meeting your needs this week and write it down. When you need a reminder that God provides for you, look back at what you wrote!

DAY 5

"He uncovers mysteries hidden in darkness; he brings light to the deepest gloom."

Job 12:22 NLT

Have you ever lit a candle in a dark room? It's crazy how one small flame can light up a dark room. God's love does the same thing. When our world feels sad, or hopeless, or gloomy, His love brings light to show us something better. How does He do it? Through us! God uses us to bring light to the people and places in the world that are hurting. He uses us to make things right. He uses us to make a change. Today, pray and ask God to show you how He might use you to bring light to someone in your life. Maybe it's through a kind word, an encouraging note, or a simple invitation to hang out. Whatever it is, be the light by loving someone else this week!

DAY 6

"He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!"

Deuteronomy 32:4 NLT

Have you ever known somebody who never made a mistake? Never messed up? Never did anything wrong? Of course not! Because we're all human! We're all going to make mistakes. In fact, the only person who has ever walked the Earth without making mistakes is Jesus. He was perfect! And that's cool because Jesus shows us what God is like, and that means God is perfect. He can do no wrong and is always right and fair. Because of that, we can trust that even when we're not sure what He's doing or how His plan is working, God is doing something good and right for all of us. This week, go for a walk. On your walk, look around at creation and let it remind you of the God who loves you, is working for you, and who doesn't make mistakes!

DAY 7

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it."

1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT

Create an image of this verse to use as the lock screen on your phone. If you don't have a phone, you can draw an image on paper to put up in your room. Each time you find yourself looking at your phone or your drawing, stop and try to memorize a few more words in this verse. Think about how it applies to your life and how knowing this truth can remind you that God is using you and other people, too!