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Day 5

Did you follow through and share with someone yesterday about God’s love? It’s okay if you didn’t—it’s not always the easiest thing to do. But even if it seems impossible, it’s not!

Think about these things that at one time people thought was impossible:
1) Walking on the moon
2) Air travel
3) The automobile
4) Computers (and now we carry them in our pockets!)

What is something that seems impossible to you right now? Maybe it’s long division, doing a cartwheel, or making the swim team. Write it down here: ____________________________.

Now, write down one thing you can do today to make that impossible thing seem a little more possible: ____________________________

As you work toward doing the seemingly impossible, remember Jesus is with you. And one day, when you achieve what once seemed impossible, be sure and share with others how Jesus’ power and presence carried you through!
Read Matthew 28:16-20

As you read Matthew 28:16-20, underline the direct commands Jesus has for His disciples. If you were a disciple that day, do you think those commands would feel possible or impossible? ______________________________

Now, read back through and circle the places where Jesus makes the seeming impossible, possible. (Hint: It has to do with His power and His promise.)

The task Jesus gave His disciples may have seemed impossible, but having Someone with all authority by their side no matter what meant they could keep going!

Day 3

What is something that you believe Jesus is calling you to do that seems impossible right now? Maybe it’s like the disciples: to tell others about Jesus. Or maybe it’s being nice to your little brother or sister, and some days it just doesn’t seem possible. Fill in the blanks below and ask God to help you.

“Dear God,

I believe You want me to ______________________________________, but it feels very overwhelming and even impossible at times. I believe that Jesus has the power to help me do this, and He is always with me always. Help me to take one step today by ______________________________________, remembering that Jesus is always with me. In His Name, I pray.

Amen.”

Day 4

You can just tell a friend about how God’s love makes you feel, or share a story about a time you felt Jesus with you, or do something kind for someone and explain that you love because God first loved you. There are so many ways to talk about Jesus. Think about who you will see and talk to today, and what you might be able to share with them about Jesus and His love, then follow through (and remember that Jesus is there with you)!

The command that Jesus gave His disciples wasn’t just for the 11 men who met Him at the mountain that day. Jesus told them to keep sharing until all nations know Who He is, and until then, we are also tasked with that mission: to share God’s love and the fact that He sent Jesus to be our Savior with everyone.
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Pick a spot where you can draw something—a place you’ll see often throughout your day. It could be using a dry erase marker on your bedroom mirror, a piece of paper stuck to your fridge, or even a washable marker on the back of your hand.

Now, draw a fire, the flames bold and bright.

Every time you see this fire, remember that you are not alone. Just as Jesus sent the Holy Spirit like tongues of a fire to equip His disciples to the task He called them to, He has given you everything you need to accomplish His will too.

Anytime things seem impossible, focus on the flames and ask God to show you how He is with you, empowering you, and giving you what you need to keep going. Then do it. Just keep going and finish what you’ve started.
**Day 2**

**Read Acts 2:1-6, 36-41**

As you read Acts 2:1-6, imagine each event unfolding.

You’re hanging out with your friends, celebrating what God has done.

A loud sound enters the room. It sounds like a strong wind, but in no time, it fills the entire house with the sound.

Then something that looks like fire appears on the heads of your friends. Wait, do I have one too? What IS this?

You begin to speak in a language you’ve never once studied. But how? And why?

But then suddenly, you know. This was the gift Jesus had promised He would send after He went back to be with God. This is what He is sending you so you can do what seemed impossible: tell the world about Him.

Now read Acts 2:36-41 to see what Peter and the disciples were able to do through the power of the Holy Spirit!

And here’s the best part: we too receive the gift of the Holy Spirit when we put our trust in Jesus. It doesn’t look the same as when the disciples received the gift for the first time (don’t worry—no fire involved!), but it still means that you’ve got all the power with the Holy Spirit’s help to accomplish whatever seemingly impossible task God has given you!

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**Day 3**

Talk to God about something you’re facing right now that seems impossible. As you pray, walk around either outside in your backyard or even just inside your room. Don’t stop moving the entire time you’re praying.

**Tell God:**
- What you’re facing that seems impossible
- Why it seems impossible
- How you feel about it
- How you need His help to keep going

Lastly, end your prayer by thanking God for His presence and His power. When you’re done praying, you can stop walking. But even after you stop walking, keep going toward what seems impossible, and remember God will give you what you need to keep going.

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**Day 4**

Who is the most determined person you know? Maybe it’s someone who has accomplished some things that seem impossible to you. Or maybe they’ve had to overcome some really hard obstacles in their life, but they’ve never given up.

Reach out to that person today and ask them what helps them keep going no matter what—how do they keep working, moving toward their goal? Is what helps them keep going something that you can use on your journey toward your own seemingly impossible goal?
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What is an obstacle you often find yourself running into when it comes to finishing what you’ve started? Maybe you get . . .

Tired (Isaiah 40:28-29)
Worried (Philippians 4:6-7)
Overwhelmed (Matthew 11:28)
Scared (Psalm 27:1)
Anxious (1 Peter 5:7)
Lazy (Galatians 6:9)

Circle one or two things that you struggle with sometimes.

Now look up these verses next to those obstacles. Pick the verse that you feel like you need the most, and write it out somewhere you can see it. Whenever you find yourself starting to want to give up, read the verse and be encouraged: You can keep going even when it gets tough.
Day 2

Read Acts 3:1-11; 4:1-21
As you read Acts 3:1-11, circle all of the positive responses people had to the miracle Peter and John performed.

Then skip down and read Acts 4:1-21. Circle all the negative responses the religious leaders had to Peter and John’s teachings. Look for all the ways they questioned their authority, threatened them and tried to stop them.

A lot changed in a short amount of time, didn’t it? Peter and John went from teaching and healing to being imprisoned.

But did that stop Peter and John? Go back and re-read Acts 4:19 and 20 to find the answer.

In short, no. Peter and John kept going even when it was tough. They knew that everyone needed to know about Jesus, so even when they were threatened, arrested and thrown in jail, they kept going. Talk about determination!

Day 3

What is something you’re in the middle of right now?
• Maybe you’re practicing for an upcoming music recital or dance recital and you haven’t gotten it quite perfected.
• Your sports team has playoffs coming up and you need to practice more.
• You have some big tests around the corner and you’re not sure you’re prepared.

How do you feel when you think about your goal? Draw your emotions in the blank emoji face.

How do you feel when you think about the things that are making it tough right now?

Lastly, what will it feel like to keep going even when it’s tough?

Now, talk to God about it. Share with Him what is going on and how things are getting tough. Tell Him about the things that make you sad, scared, mad, or worried. Ask Him to help you to keep going even when it’s tough.

Day 4

What’s something that is holding you back from finishing something important—the thing prayed about yesterday?

Today you’re going to build in some accountability in your life to help you keep going even when it gets tough. First though, find yourself on this scale. Be honest: where are you when it comes to finishing what you’ve started? Make a mark on the line representing where you are right now compared to your goal.

Then fill in the blanks some of the things that are in between you and the finish line—obstacles that might make it tough to finish. Lastly, find a friend you can be honest with and show them the diagram. Talk through the obstacles in your path, and ask your friend to pray with you and for you. Also, invite them to check in with you in the coming weeks to see if you’re moving past those obstacles to finish what you’ve started.
Day 5

Have you ever been reading a book that was a little scary, so you skipped to the end just to make sure that everything would turn out okay?

We can’t do that in real life, but we can do something even better.

We can trust God, who knows the end of the story, and who has promised He will work things out for our best in the end. Paul writes this in Romans 8:28: “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,” (NIrV).

That doesn’t mean things will always turn out what we want them to now, but it does mean that even when things aren’t going well, we can trust that there’s more going on than we can see or understand, and that God is going to carry us through no matter what.

Grab a sheet of paper and cut out a bookmark. Then write the words from Romans 8:28 on it and decorate it however you want. Whenever you’re wishing you could skip ahead to the end of a situation remember that you’re being held by the One who is writing the story, and that’s even better.

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All month long, you’ve prayed for determination for yourself. But you probably also know some other people who are struggling to keep going. Who do you know that is facing a hard journey—perhaps because of sickness, death, losing their job, or having to move? If you can’t think of anyone, just ask an adult—they’ll likely know of someone who you can pray for. Use the sample prayer below to ask God to help them to keep going even when they don’t know the end of the story.

“Dear God, please be with _________________________ who is having a really hard time because of _______________________. I imagine they are scared because ______________________________. It’s so hard when we don’t know how things will turn out. . . but we do believe that you know how things will turn out. You know the end of the story, and we can trust you no matter what. Please help __________________ to remember that, and to keep going even when they’re scared. In Jesus’ Name, we pray.

Amen.”

Read Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60

After you read Acts 6:8-15 and Acts 7:51-60, go back and look at all the verses in between. It’s a lot, but it’s basically a summary of God’s Story. Stephen believed so strongly in Jesus as God’s plan for the world that he shared the whole story, knowing his life was at risk.

The first 50 verses of Acts 7 are determination in action. Stephen didn’t back down. He may have been scared, but he kept going. And we see in verses 56 and 57 that before he even went to heaven, Stephen was blessed with a vision from God: Jesus, welcoming him into heaven:

“But he was full of the Holy Spirit. He looked up to heaven and saw God’s glory. He saw Jesus standing at God’s right hand. ‘Look!’ he said. ‘I see heaven open. The Son of Man is standing at God’s right hand,’“ (NirV).

Stephen didn’t know the end of the story, but he trusted the God who did, and that very day, he was welcomed by his Savior to spend forever with God.

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Day 4

Who is the person you prayed for yesterday? Today you’re going to encourage them to keep going. There are lots of ways you can do this.

- Make them a card. Consider including a Bible verse to encourage them, like Psalm 27:1.
- Send them a text or email and just let them know you’re praying for them.
- Give them a call so they know you’re thinking of them.
- Bake them some cookies or drop off some flowers at their house.

Pick a few of these things. Whenever someone is going through something scary, it means so much to know that other people are cheering you on. No matter how you choose to encourage your friend, be sure and continue to pray for them to keep going.
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What questions do you have?

Day 5

Now that you’ve practiced spending the day asking questions, you’re going to work on embracing question-asking with your life. Grab a journal or a few sheets of paper, and make these headings:

- Questions about God
- Questions about life
- Questions about my future
- Questions about schoolwork
- Questions about my passions/interests

Any time that you’re tempted to quit something because you don’t understand, come back to your journal and write your question down. Then dig deeper and see if you can find the answer. If you can, come back and write down the answer. If you can’t, keep going anyway, and come back and write down how your determination to keep going even when you didn’t have all the answers paid off.

Make “asking questions but going ahead anyway without all the answers” a practice in your life, and one day you’ll look up and see you finished what you started and learned a whole lot along the way!

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Read Acts 8:26-40

As you read Acts 8:26-40, underline all of the questions the Ethiopian man has.

Notice even his last question:
What can stop me from being baptized?

This isn’t really even a question—it’s more of what we might call a rhetorical question, a question for effect rather than a question that really needs answering.

Asking questions is not a bad thing—in fact, it’s a good thing! When we stop asking questions, we often stop learning. And learning about God and His Story is always a great thing!

Day 3

Did you know that God is okay with your questions? In fact, He welcomes them! Why? Because asking questions is a great way to get to know someone, and when we ask God questions about His character, His love, His plan for our lives, we are opening the door to get to know Him better! Fill in the blanks of the prayer below, and then use your answers in a prayer to God.

One thing I love about God: _________________________________________

One thing I don’t understand about God: __________________________________

One thing I wish I knew about God: ________________________________________

One thing I wish I knew about God’s plan for me: __________________________________

One thing I know about God that helps me know I can trust Him: _____________________________

End your prayer by thanking God for welcoming your questions and wanting to have a deeper relationship with you!

Day 4

Today, you might annoy people around you a little. But that’s okay. Because for one day, you’re going to aim to ask as many questions as you can. Don’t ask annoying ones (like the constant “why?”), or things that you already know the answer to, but anytime you come across anything you don’t understand, ask. Intentionally look for things around you that don’t make sense, or that you don’t know how they work, and ask someone who knows.

At the end of the day, share all the information you learned with a parent. Talk about how you looked at things differently when you were truly trying to understand. Did you ever want to give up on something because you didn’t understand it? How did it feel to keep going anyway?