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Here's even more proof of the Gospel's power. Nothing can "separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." It's a life changer and an attitude adjuster. What sort of challenges and fears are you facing right now? Do you realize that God promises to always be by your side? He loves you and will never let you go.

Prayer - Gracious Lord, fill me with Your peace and presence, especially when I am facing tough times. Keep me strong and focused on Your love for me. In Jesus name, Amen.

1 CORINTHIANS- day two

Paul wrote this letter in response to reports he had received about immorality, arguments and divisions among believers in Corinth. He also wrote it to answer some questions. Paul starts his letter by reminding us who we are and what Christ has accomplished for us. **Look up and highlight 1:26-2:2.**

None of us are perfect. No one can brag about how great a Christian they are. We all come to Jesus with baggage from our past and dirt under our nails from what we have done or left undone. Do you ever feel less than adequate when it comes to your relationship with God? In the very last verse of this section what does Paul say?

And here's why Jesus Christ is so important to you, even when you are living through some messy times. **Look up and highlight 15:56-57.**

No matter where you are in life, no matter what is going on or what has happened to you in the past, God is for YOU! You have victory through the Lord Jesus Christ. Enjoy His victory for you!

Prayer - Gracious Father, the work of Your Son has changed my life forever. Keep me ever mindful of Your promises and fill me with Your peace. In Jesus name, Amen.



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2 CORINTHIANS - day three

After the church in Corinth received Paul's 1st letter they repented of their sins, but a new problem arose. Some within the church started to say Paul wasn't a real apostle and you couldn't rely on him. Paul wrote 2nd Corinthians to commend them for the changes they made and to defend his ministry. **Look up and highlight 5:17-21.**

Do you live with regrets? Do you wish you would have NOT said that, done that, or thought that? What is God saying to you in these verses? How does this section of the Bible help you get through tough times? How might your attitude change by knowing that in Christ you are a new creation?

Prayer - Lord Jesus Christ, You have made me a new creation. Help me to live in the power of Your forgiveness. Let Your love shine through me to others! Amen.

GALATIANS - day four

Paul penned 13 of the epistles (letters) in the New Testament. Galatians was probably the first one he wrote. The church in Galatia was dealing with people who wanted to add things to your salvation. According to some from that church in Galatia, you weren't a true Christian until you followed certain Jewish laws, avoided certain foods or celebrated certain Jewish festivals. Paul dealt with this false teaching in the first couple of chapters. **Look up and Highlight 3:27-39.**

We don't have to do anything extra to earn God's gift of forgiveness. Simply trust that Jesus paid for all your sins. Dump all your sins and guilt at the foot of the cross

and trust that Jesus is enough for you. Through baptism and faith, you are connected to Christ. It's all taken care of. Don't let Satan fill you with shame. Ask God to replace the shame and guilt with joy and excitement because Jesus is enough! Today is a NEW day!

Prayer - Heavenly Father, I give all that guilt and shame in my life to you right now. Remind me again and again that Your grace is enough for me. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

EPHESIANS - day five

Paul founded the church in Ephesus and was its pastor for three years. When he was arrested and imprisoned in Rome, Paul wrote this letter to the church in Ephesus. But he wasn't writing in order to correct anything wrong. Paul was writing to build them up, reminding them of the blessings we have in Christ and urging them to live out their faith with the strength God provides. **Look up and highlight 2:8-10.**

From start to finish, Christianity is the real deal. God pays for your sins, calls you to faith, fills you with His Spirit and empowers you to make a difference in this life, through opportunities He gives you every single day. Take a moment to think about all the ways God's grace and presence impacts your life - the way you view your present and future - the way it impacts your marriage and/or family - how it adjusts your attitude and lifestyle - etc. God is really great, isn't he?

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