

# DAY 6

ISAIAH 55:8 NIV

God has a different perspective than we do. Humans have a limited view of possibility, and God doesn't. This means that God can guide us to the best life possible. Living in the ways God says are best isn't always easy. At the same time, God's ways are always worth it. This is true even in how we treat ourselves and others in our relationships. Today, think about the way Jesus treated Himself and others. Since He was the perfect example of what God is like, allow His example to shape how you treat people in relationships.

**Today, ask God for help to follow the example of Jesus in every area of your life, relationships included.**

# DAY 7

ROMANS 12:2 NLT

What God wants for us in our lives is what's best. Paul describes God's will (or what God desires and says is best) as "good, pleasing, and perfect." Since Jesus shows us what God is like, it means that His example is the perfect example of how to relate to and treat others.

**Today, write down some words that describe what Jesus is like. Keep them somewhere you can see them throughout your day. When you do, use them as a prompt to think about what Jesus was like and to say this verse out loud to memorize it.**

# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

FOR AN  
**everyday faith.**

POTENTIAL / WEEK 3

HIGH SCHOOL

# DAY 1

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 NIV

Stanford once did a study with marshmallows that observed a child's ability to withstand delayed gratification. They were given one marshmallow and the opportunity to have one now or two later. There have been some at-home re-creations of this study online, and the videos are funny to watch because of the kids' reactions. You're rooting for them to wait because you know two is better than one, but their impatience often wins. They settle for one when more is just around the corner. We can be guilty of living life this way as well. Our impatience in God's plan causes us to settle for what we have in front of us, even if we know it's not best. God promises to give us the strength to do what's best, even when it's difficult.

**Today, ask God to give you the strength to not settle for less now when there could be something better in store.**

# DAY 2

PROVERBS 15:18 NIV

"I don't want to start over" or "I'm just lonely" are phrases often used when settling into a less-than-ideal relationship. Please know these feelings are valid and common, but they aren't what's best for you. Focusing on following Jesus daily will give you the clarity and strength to wait and not let your feelings of urgency win. We humans are so used to getting what we want when we want it, but one of the things God gives us as we go through life is patience. Patience is a virtue, right? Patience is a skill to craft that can lead to God's best.

**Today, ask God to reveal what area of life you need to be more patient. Ask God to show you how to do just that.**

## DAY 3

ROMANS 13:14 NIV

Sometimes, we settle for relationships that aren't best for us because we have a hard time trusting that what God says is truly best. The truth is, we know that God loves us because Jesus came to live, die, and come back to life to show us how much God loves us. God won't hold out on what's best for us. While we don't always understand how God works, we can be confident that God is trustworthy, loving, and has our best interests in mind. So, when you're tempted to settle, remember that you can trust God.

**Today, ask God to remind you of a time when God came through when you almost gave up.**

## DAY 4

PROVERBS 3:6 NLT

Have you ever been stuck between two choices? Maybe there are pros and cons to each, and it is tough deciding what to do. When we experience this, sometimes we go with the seemingly safer option. Sometimes, it works out, but other times, we realize we settled for something that wasn't best. This can happen if we settle in any situation, even dating, which could lead to a struggle down the line.

**Before you make a decision about a relationship, talk to someone you trust and ask them for advice. This is a great step to make sure you aren't settling for anything that might not be best for you or another person.**

## DAY 5

2 SAMUEL 11:1,3 NLT

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Many have heard this classic story.

However, if you did not grow up with Bible stories, here is what happens:

David, a man after God's heart, sleeps with Bathsheba, a married woman, and she becomes pregnant. David panics and arranges for her husband, Uriah, to die so David can marry her.

As many know, this shows that anyone can sin and that adultery leads to suffering.

However, when looking at this story, several people overlook that David refuses to turn to God for help after making a mistake. Instead, he tries to solve the problem alone, which leads to more sin.

No matter how hard we try, we all sin. Yet, when we sin, God will still help us if we turn to him. When you make a mistake, ask God for help, and God will forgive you. He will care for you. Most importantly, God will show you how to make things right.

**If you made a mistake today, ask God for help, and he will guide you back to his righteous path.**