

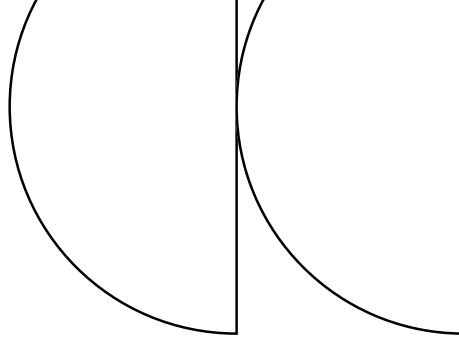
DAY 1

You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house

Matthew 5:14 -15 NLT

Sometimes, it can feel like the world is full of darkness. If you turn on the news, it doesn't take long before you hear some dark things about the world. What if your existence was light in the world's darkness? The good news is that it is. YOU are the light in this world. YOU are like a city on a hill where everyone can see light shining from. Don't hide or dim your goodness because of the bad you hear and see in the world. Sometimes people can feel guilty for having joy or smiling when bad things were going on around me. But we can realize that joy could bring a little hope to the bad situation.

Today, pray for your community and the world as a whole and ask God how you can share the light of God with those around you.



DAY 2

You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Psalms 139:16 NLT

Memorizing scripture is so important for believers because the word of God is powerful and can bring peace in some of the most difficult times. It can bring understanding in some of the most confusing times. It can bring encouragement in the most depressing times and so many other things. However, often when these moments arise, we don't have our Bibles handy. Thus, it is important to have some key scriptures memorized in our hearts to pull from when we need them. This scripture is important to remember when you or someone you love is feeling like they don't have a purpose, or their life doesn't matter.

Today, repeat this verse to yourself three times and then share it with a friend or family member. Keep sharing it with others until you can share it without looking at it.

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DAY 3

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for good and not for disaster to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 NIV

God is incredibly purposeful. Today's verse is a great example of that. Even though it was written a long time ago to the Hebrew people specifically, the words still give us a picture of what God is like. There's some comfort found in knowing that God is intentional. This kind of intentionality would mean that God created you on purpose and cares about your life. It means that your life is so important and doesn't go without being noticed by God, who loves you.

Today, take some time to journal about some of the things that are unique about you and ask God to help you to see the good in them.

DAY 4

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10 NIV

We all have unique gifts from God. Some of us are great at being the life of the party, some are great at serving and helping others, some of us are great at understanding and listening, some are great at other things. Whatever gift we've been given, we should use it to serve one another. For instance, if you are a great listener, use that gift to listen to a friend or family member who needs to talk to someone about what they are going through. If you are outgoing, use that gift to encourage someone.

Today, take some time to think about the ways in which you can serve those around you and ask God to lead you.

DAY 5

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27 NIV

We are created in the image of God. Every single one of us. That means we are incredibly special. You were made by God as a reflection of God . . . and so was everyone else you know. Understanding this can be helpful in moments where you are feeling insecure. It can also be helpful in moments where you are feeling more important than someone else, because we were all created in God's image. So, this is our core identity as human beings, but it doesn't discount the fact that we are also all unique. That just goes to show us how incredibly creative God is and how special we are.

Today, take some time to pray and ask for help seeing God in you and those around you.

DAY 6

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1 NLT

We are children of God. We did not have to work to earn this status; He made us His children out of His great love for us. Our Father in heaven is a good Father who cares about us. Sometimes we are mistreated by others who do not understand that our Father is God, and it can be disheartening and make us feel like we do not have value. The reality is we cannot allow what the world says to impact our belief in the truth of who God made us, because when Jesus was walking on the earth, the world did not recognize Him as God's child either.

Today, ask God to seal this truth in your heart that you are so loved by God that calls you God's child.

DAY 7

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 NIV

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Picture it, that classic story. You stand "relaxed" on the squeaky gym floor and stare at the P.E. captains with "cool" and "uncaring" eyes. You act like you're unbothered. But, behind those eyes, your mind is screaming, "PICK ME! PICK ME!" In high school, I constantly got picked last for P.E. since I did not play sports. I wanted to because all my friends played sports, but no game ever clicked with me. So, I never got on my friends' sports teams. Of course, this made me feel alone and ashamed of who I was. But, one day, my school introduced a new after-school activity: theatre. And, I fell in love. After that, my peers raced to the gym, and I danced to theatre class. As classmates practiced layups, I rehearsed mesmerizing songs and

blocking. Instantly, I knew theatre was God's plan for my life. And now, I'm proudly studying theatre in Los Angeles. It's easy to feel alone in life, and that loneliness can make you feel ashamed of who you are, but God has fearfully, wonderfully, and uniquely made every one of us.

Today, don't be the last one to recognize your uniqueness. Breathe in, pat yourself on the back, and thank God for making you who you are.