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BOTTOM LINE: CONNECTING WITH GOD HELPS US KNOW HIM BETTER

So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.

ROMANS 10:17 NLT

>> SEPTEMBER 22

Does reading the Bible really matter? As you read this verse today, think about that question. This verse is giving you the answer! The phrase “Good News” here is talking about the message of the Bible. The more we read the Bible, and hear God’s Word, the more our faith will grow. Getting into a habit—making reading the Bible a part of your everyday faith—will help you grow closer to and connect with God!

What’s one step you can take to make connecting with God through the Bible a habit this week?

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

HEBREWS 4:16 NLT

>> SEPTEMBER 23

Who is somebody you look up to because of their confidence? Maybe it’s the way LeBron James plays basketball or how Billie Eilish performs a song. Well, this verse tells us that we can go to God with that same kind of bold confidence. Why? Because we know that when we do, God promises to connect with us. God promises to give us mercy, grace, and help—that’s something we can be confident of!

Today, ask God for more confidence to come to Him and connect with Him.

Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

JAMES 4:8 NLT

>> SEPTEMBER 24

Have you ever had a friend that didn’t really make a lot of time for you? Every time you wanted to hang out, they always had other plans. Maybe it made you feel like they were more committed to other things than your friendship. In the same way, sometimes it’s easy for us to be more committed—or more loyal—to things like Netflix, or work, or school, or sports, or friends than to our relationship with God. And while those things aren’t bad, we should never prioritize them ahead of God. The good news is, as this verse reminds us, we can always come back to God. When we do, He promises to come close to us again.

*But you, O Lord, are
a God of compassion
and mercy, slow to
get angry and filled
with unfailing love and
faithfulness.*

PSALM 86:15 NLT

>> SEPTEMBER 25

Nobody likes to fail. We don't like to hurt or disappoint others with our failures, and we don't like to be hurt or disappointed by the failures of others. This verse tells us that the only person who will never fail us is God. His love is unfailing. It never hurts or disappoints us. It's a perfect, A+ kind of love. No matter how much we screw up, God's love is there waiting for us. That is something that will never fail!

Today, talk with your family about how it makes you feel to know that God's love never fails.

*Seek his will in all you
do, and he will show
you which path to
take.*

PROVERBS 3:6 NLT

>> SEPTEMBER 26

Have you ever been in a maze? If you have, then you know you have to make a lot of decisions about which path to take. In that situation, there is really no one there to guide or help you. But in life, things are different! The Bible promises that God will guide us. The more we spend time and connect with God, the more we will be able to see His guidance in our lives. He'll help us know which path to take and what decisions to make.

What's one way you can make connecting with God a habit? Maybe it's reading your Bible, praying, or committing to weekly worship. Whatever you do, make a choice to connect with God so that you can see Him guiding your life.

*I am the vine; you are
the branches. If a man
remains in me and I in
him, he will bear much
fruit; apart from me
you can do nothing.*

JOHN 15:5 NIV

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Jesus tells us to remain in Him, and that apart from Him, we can do nothing. Without God, we're like a dead cell phone. We need to connect to Him—our "power source"—to live the way that He created us to live.

What does this look like? It could be as simple as reading this devotional every morning. It could be saying a prayer each night before you go to sleep to tell God about your day. It doesn't have to be anything grand or extravagant. When we choose to remain connected to God, His love for us does not change, but our awareness and understanding of it grows.

*Go to the Lord for
help; and worship him
continually.*

PSALM 105:4 GNT

>> SEPTEMBER 28

Sometimes it can be easy to wonder what our purpose is in life. What exactly are we here for? What are we supposed to do? The awesome news is that we can find so many answers for these questions in Scripture. Verses like this Psalm can help us see that our lives are meant to worship God and reflect the good things He's done to the world around us. And having verses like this memorized can help us keep our purpose in mind! So this week, try to memorize this verse in a creative way. Draw a picture of what comes to mind when you read this Psalm. Be sure to write the verse on the picture as well! Put it up somewhere you can see it to help you work on memorizing it throughout the week.