

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Undefeated

WEEK 1

BECAUSE OF JESUS, SEPARATION IS DEFEATED.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

ROMANS 5:8 NIV

DAY 1

We all wonder what other people think of us sometimes, don't we? Well, here's what's cool: When it comes to God, we don't have to wonder. This verse tells us exactly what He thinks of us; God loves us! We know it not just because He says it, but because He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins to show us. He went out of His way to demonstrate just how much He loves us so that we would never have to wonder where we stand in His eyes. That's something worth remembering! Grab your phone or a notebook. Jot down today's Bible verse and underneath it, write, "I am LOVED by God." Come back to this any time you need the reminder.

"He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"

LUKE 24:6-7 NIV

DAY 2

Have you ever felt alone? We all have at some point. That's one of the things that makes knowing Jesus so great. He is actually *always* with us, no matter where we are, what we do, or how we feel! When Jesus came back to life on Easter morning, He proved to us that He is who He says He is and can do all He said He would do. Because of that, we can trust His promises. We can go through life knowing that He is always with us and that we're never alone. Pause for a moment to pray. As you do, thank Jesus for being with you and ask Him to remind you that with Him, you're never alone.

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

JOHN 11:25-26 NIV

DAY 3

We talk a lot about what happened that very first Easter thousands of years ago. How Jesus died on the cross for our sins and came back to life three days later. On one hand, this sounds awesome. But on the other hand, it can be kind of confusing. If that’s how you feel, here’s the good news: Jesus understands our questions and is okay with our doubts. He doesn’t ask us to have all the answers; all He asks is that we believe in Him. What questions, doubts, or confusions do you have about Jesus? Share some of these things with a trusted adult in your life. Believe it or not, talking about it can actually make your faith a whole lot stronger.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NIV

DAY 4

We all make mistakes. You, your parents, your bestie, your teacher, your favorite YouTuber—we all get it wrong from time to time. When that happens, it’s easy to let our mistakes get us down. It’s easy to feel like we’ll never be more than our mess ups. Well, thanks to what Jesus did for us on Easter, we can be confident that it doesn’t have to be that way. Jesus died to offer us forgiveness so that we don’t have to be defined by our mistakes. When we ask God, He will forgive us completely, making us feel brand new! Is there a mistake that you’re dealing with right now? Take time to talk to God about it, asking for forgiveness and thanking Him for making you new.

“And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”

PHILIPPIANS 2:8 NIV

DAY 5

Sometimes obedience is hard, but one thing that makes it easier is knowing that what we’ll get in the end is worth it. Cleaning your room suddenly gets easier when you’re promised time to play video games afterward. And studying for that test isn’t so bad when you get the good grade back. When Jesus died on the cross, He was being obedient, too. He did what God asked Him to do, and even though it was hard, to Him, it was worth it. Why? Because of His love for us! He was obedient to a death on the cross because He knew what He would give us in return was worth it. Talk to someone today about what Jesus’ obedience back then means for you today.