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- Monday:
 - **Ephesians 2:10** *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*
 - We were made good. Pure. With purpose in mind. In perfect harmony with God. God called man His masterpiece.
 - But we know it didn’t stay that way. We were separated from God by our sin.
 - God knew this would happen too. He knew what He’d have to do to make it right again.
 - Not only did He do it, but he kept your purpose in mind despite our failures.
 - He prepared good works for us to do before He created us and now that things have been made right, it’s our task to see to it that those good works get done.
 - What good works do you feel God created you to do? What will you do about it?
 - God demonstrates His love for us not with words alone, but by ACTIONS. He GAVE His Son. What actions will you take to show your love?
- Tuesday:
 - **Philippians 2:3-4** *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”*
 - It is necessary for Christians to be humble. There’s no way around it. We must recognize our place before God.
 - Being prideful is when we overvalue ourselves, and undervalue others (including God).
 - This is a problem because the things we are prideful about are often given to us by God to SERVE others.
 - The bible constantly warns against being prideful, and reminds its readers to remain humble.
 - In fact, James 4:6 says, *“God OPPOSES the proud, and gives grace to the humble.”*
 - Pride is the root of almost every sin.
 - Every time we sin it’s because we think we know better than God. “It’s about what I want, and I don’t care about anything or anyone else.”
 - Think about Eve’s temptation in Genesis 3:1-6. The serpent tricked her into thinking God was holding out on her. That if she ate it, she would be LIKE God. She thought she deserved it. She thought she knew better, so she ate.
 - That same serpent still uses that trick on us, because it still works.
 - **2 Chronicles 7:14** ¹⁴ *if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*
 - What are some ways you can strengthen ourselves against the trap of pride?
 - What are some ways you can remind yourself to stay humble?
- Wednesday:
 - **1 Peter 5:7-9** ⁷ *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.* ⁸ *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.* ⁹ *Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.*
 - Do you realize how much God cares for you? If it matters to you it matters to God.

- What anxieties do you have? Do you control them or do they control you?
- Synonyms for worthy are valuable, admirable, precious and worthwhile.
- Do you see yourself in this light? Do you understand how valuable you are in God's eyes?
- The devil doesn't want us to see ourselves this way. But thankfully, he can't change how God feels. All he can do is get us to doubt it. Unfortunately, he's pretty good at it.
- When we leave a window open, the devil comes in and plants seeds of doubt in our hearts. Attempting to create chaos and cause damage.
- There are times when our windows are easier to open than others. What are some triggers for you that cause your window to be more accessible?
- V9 tells us to **RESIST HIM**. What can we do to keep our windows shut? How can we strengthen ourselves against him? Where are our weak and vulnerable spots?
- Do we have to fight this fight alone? Pay close attention to v9. No we don't fight alone, we have our brothers and sisters with us who are all going through the same things!
- Thursday:
 - **Philippians 1:27** *"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel"*
 - A lot of situations can be covered by the word "whatever". Paul knew this all too well. He was in prison for preaching the gospel when he wrote this.
 - What storms are there in your life? What can you learn from them? How can you grow from them?
 - How can you face them and still **conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ?**
 - Paul also writes to believers, telling them to be united, *standing firm in the ONE SPIRIT*, all working together for one purpose, *striving together as one for the faith of the gospel*.
 - How can we accomplish this?
 - Remember, bad things happen to us all. They do not mean God doesn't love us or isn't with us or that we are unworthy.
 - Exodus 14:14, *"The Lord will fight for you; you only need to be still."*
 - How could you be unloved or unworthy when you have the highest power of all fighting for you?
- Friday:
 - **Proverbs 3:5-6** *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."*
 - Trusting God is more than just believing He exists. It's believing He is Who He says He is, putting faith in His promises, and living in a way that might not make sense to non-believers.
 - When it says *"Lean not on your own understanding,"* that means you don't have to understand WHY God is calling you to do something before you do it.
 - It's walking by **faith**, not by **sight**. What does that phrase mean to you?
 - It's Peter, Andrew, James, and John leaving their job as fishermen to follow Jesus. (Luke 5) It didn't make sense to outsiders, but it made perfect sense to them. Jesus was worth it.

- It's Saul giving up his murderous pursuit of Christians, to become one himself. (Acts 9) It didn't make sense to the Pharisees, but it made perfect sense to him.
- It's Zacchaeus promising to pay back 4 times what he owed to those he had cheated, because Jesus showed kindness to him. He gave away a LOT of money because he found something (Someone) better. (Luke 19) Made perfect sense to him.
- In everything we do, we must show submission to God's will and God's path. And the promise that follows is that He will make our paths straight.
- In what ways have you trusted God completely? In what ways do you struggle?
- In what ways can you show acknowledgement or submission to Him?