

Upside Down: Treat Others the Way Jesus Treats You.

DAY 1

AMAZING FAITH

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. He said to those following him, "What I'm about to tell you is true. In Israel I have not found anyone whose faith is so strong" (Matthew 8:10 NIV).

The centurion had faith that Jesus could heal his servant. And how did Jesus respond to this man's faith? Read verse 10 for a clue. Jesus was amazed by his faith. Why? Because the Roman commander recognized who was really in charge! He knew that Jesus had the power to heal his servant. Do you think Jesus would be amazed by your faith? Do your words and actions show others that you put God first?

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### WHAT IS ONE SIMPLE HABIT YOU COULD START DOING THIS WEEK TO HELP YOU PUT GOD FIRST?

Unscramble the words below to give you a few ideas.

\_\_\_\_\_ on the way to school.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ your Bible.  
E A D R

Take a \_\_\_\_\_ outside and notice  
L K A W  
all the things God has made.

DAY 2

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

*Wisdom teaches you to have respect for the LORD. So don't be proud if you want to be honored (Proverbs 15:33 NIV).*

Think about the last time something good happened to you. Maybe your team won the championship game. Maybe you aced your spelling test. Maybe you got that brand new bike you really wanted for your birthday. Sometimes, we have backward thinking, believing that all the good things that happen are because of us. But a wise person knows that everything you are and everything you have comes from God. When you remember to say, "Thank You, God" instead of thinking that you should get all the credit, you honor God and acknowledge that He is most important

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SPEAKING OF BACKWARD THINKING, CAN YOU SEE WHAT'S WRONG WITH TODAY'S VERSE? WRITE IT OUT THE RIGHT WAY.

33:15: sbrevorP ".deronoh eb ot tnaw vooj fi duorp eb t'nod oS .DROL eht rof tcepsr evah ot vooj sehcaet modsiW"

Ask God to help you turn your thinking around so that it's not about you, but it's really about Him.

DAY 3

TRUST AND OBEY

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

God, the Maker of all things, is ready and willing to guide and direct our steps, just like today’s verse reminds us. God asks us to trust and lean on Him for help instead of trying to figure things out on our own. When you put your trust in Him and make Him most important, He will always lead you in the right direction. You can start trusting Him by obeying His Word. When He asks you to be kind, be kind. When He asks you to put others first, put others first. When He asks you to think before you speak, think before you speak!

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What is one thing God asks you to do that’s hard? Tell an adult and then ask them to help you follow through and obey that hard thing as you trust God.

*Remember God  
is most important.*

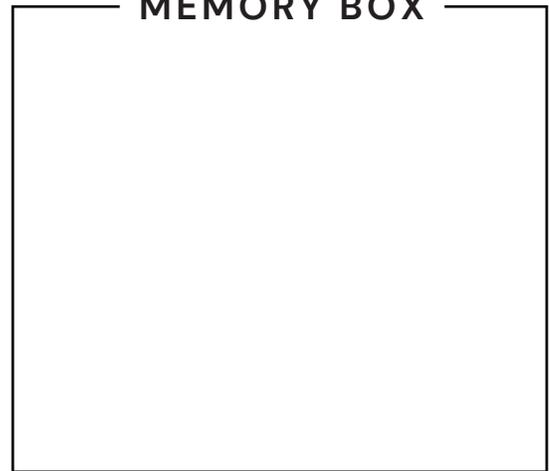
DAY 4

## DON'T FORGET

*“LORD, I will remember what you did. Yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will spend time thinking about everything you have done. I will consider all your mighty acts” (Psalm 77:11- 12 NIV).*

What does it mean to remember something? It means to think carefully about something that happened in the past. Can you think of a time when God helped you with something, big or small? Draw a picture in the memory box below of a time when you felt God’s love and care in the past.

### MEMORY BOX



This week, when you face a situation where you feel unsure or nervous, take a look at your memory box above. Remember what God did to help you in the past and ask Him to help you right now. Thank God for loving you and helping you yesterday, today, and tomorrow.