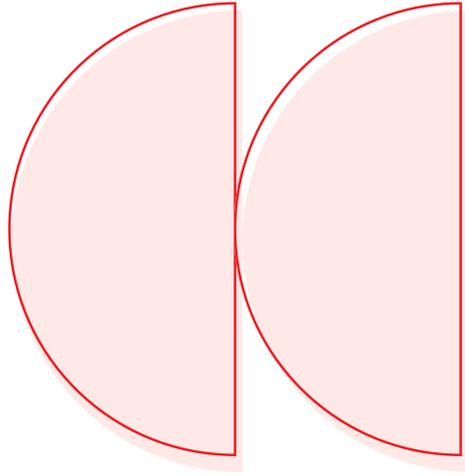


DAY 4

HEBREWS 11:1 NLT

Have you ever believed something was true even before it happened? That's faith. Hebrews 11:1 says faith is the evidence of our hope—it proves we believe something real is on the way, even when we can't see it yet. That's tough, especially when you're not sure what God is doing. But trusting God in the unknown is what builds your strength. Faith doesn't mean having it all figured out—it means you believe God is already at work.

Write down something you're hoping for but haven't seen yet. Tape it somewhere you'll see it daily. Every time you see it, whisper, "God, I trust You."



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DAY 5

ISAIAH 9:6 NLT

Say the verse each morning while brushing your teeth. Bonus: Turn it into a challenge with a friend—see who can recite it by the end of the week without looking.

WEEK 1

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DAY 1

JOHN 8:12 NLT

“Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life” (John 8:12 NLT).

You may have used your phone flashlight to find your way in the dark. Jesus says He is the light that helps us see clearly in life. But sometimes, life feels confusing or heavy—like walking in darkness. That’s where hope comes in. Hope believes that Jesus can guide us through anything. He doesn’t remove every hard thing instantly, but He does promise to walk with us through it. Following Him doesn’t mean life is perfect—it means we’re never lost.

Write John 8:12 on a piece of paper or in your notes app. Then highlight or underline the words that stand out most to you. Ask yourself: What does it mean for Jesus to be my light right now?

DAY 2

ROMANS 8:25 NLT

Waiting is hard—especially when you’re hoping for something big: a breakthrough, an answer, or just peace in the middle of your mess. Sometimes we confuse waiting with doing nothing. But Romans 8:25 reminds us that waiting with hope means trusting God even when you can’t see what’s coming. It’s active, not passive. It’s saying, “I still believe good is possible,” even when you’re tired of waiting. Hope grows in the waiting—it shapes your faith.

Think of one thing you’re waiting on. In your own words, talk to God about how it feels and ask Him to help you trust Him while you wait.

DAY 3

PSALM 71:14 NLT

Hope isn’t a one-time thing. Sometimes we have to keep on hoping—especially when life doesn’t change right away. The writer of this psalm chose to praise God even before the situation was fixed. That’s not easy, but it’s powerful. When you choose to keep hoping, you’re saying, “God, I believe You’re still working, even if I don’t see it yet.” And when you give praise to God in the middle of your wait, your focus shifts from your problem to the God who’s bigger than it.

Text a trusted friend and say, “I’m choosing to hope even though _____. Will you pray for me this week?” Let someone support you in your hope.