

Confidence means learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

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DAY 1

Read Ephesians 2:10

How often do you find yourself using the word “but?” Sounds like a funny question, right? Here are a few examples . . .

- I would play BUT I’m not fast enough.
- I would try BUT I’m not smart enough.
- I would ask BUT no one listens to me anyway.

Sometimes, we decide something before we even give it a try. We disqualify ourselves (we say, “nope, not me”) before we even start. But we forget a BIG truth found right at the beginning of Ephesians 2:10. We are God’s handiwork. That means we were made by God! He made us to do good, to make a difference. And what’s even cooler than that? **He already knows what those good things are!**

Grab a piece of paper and trace around your hand. Decorate your handprint and write today’s verse any way you’d like on the page. Thank God for making you special and ask Him to give you the confidence to believe that He can use you no matter what!

DAY 2

Read Matthew 5:14-16

Grab a flashlight, your Bible and your GodTime card and head to your closet. Turn on your flashlight and turn OFF the light. Shine that flashlight on your Bible and read Matthew 5:14-16 aloud.

What if you turned off the flashlight? Could you read it in the dark? Nope! If you’re in a dark room and you have access to a light, you turn it on!

Guess what? You are a light to the world around you. That means that YOU can make a difference. You might be the first person to show real kindness to someone having a bad day. You might be the one to include a kid that’s left out or encourage someone when they’re feeling sad.

When we shine bright, we should point others to God! God wants to use you to make a difference. **He wants you to show others how much HE loves them.**

Every time you flip on a light this week, ask yourself: Am I shining a light and pointing others to God? Or am I hiding my light?

DAY 3

Read 1 John 4:12

Have you ever thrown a pebble into the water? When that small pebble enters the calm flat surface of the water, it gives the water some energy. The water moves around (forming that ripple or circle on the surface) to spread out that energy so it can go back to it's original still flat surface. It's a little bit like when you form a human wave around a stadium as you lift your hands at just the right time.

Love works like that pebble or rock. Small things you do every day to show love to others can make a big difference. When you choose to show love to others, you show others who God is! **We can have confidence that God will use us when we simply choose to love.**

Grab a rock and head outside to find a puddle or ask to borrow a plastic bin and fill it with water yourself. Drop the rock into the water and watch the ripples move out to the edges of the surface. Ask God to help you act that like rock, choosing to love others in small ways in order to make a big difference this week.

DAY 4

Read Judges 6:14-15

When God spoke to Gideon, Gideon immediately started to point all the reasons why he was the wrong person for the job. He had zero confidence in himself. Still, God persisted, reminding Gideon of something important that he'd forgotten along the way.

God can use ANYONE! His power is unlimited which means nothing is too hard for him. **God can use you to make a difference today, right where you are.**

Here's a little obedience challenge. For the next five days, challenge yourself to pray the prayer below in your own words. Then, pay attention so you don't miss an opportunity to make a difference in your world. It doesn't have to be as big as leading an army. But to the person you help, it might be just as important.

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me. Show me how I can make a difference for You today. Give me the confidence to follow through like Gideon, knowing that You are with me. In Jesus' name, amen.

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