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CONFIDENCE

living like you believe
God is with you

People build their lives on all kinds of stories...Acing every test. Being the funny kid. Doing enough good things. But every foundation will crumble, except one. The only safe story on which to build is the true story of a God who created us and loves us so much that when we turned away, He kept on pursuing us. God chose a people and promised through them to bless the whole world. And God fulfilled that promise by sending Jesus to rescue us. When we allow this story to inform every bit of our lives, we can live from a place of quiet confidence, knowing God is always with us and is able to work out everything we face for our good and His glory. This month, we'll head to Israel's decline and exile, examining the lives of people who chose (or failed to choose) to put the full weight of their lives on God. We'll see how making choices from a foundation of trust in God changes everything about the way you live.

WEEK 1: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal
(*1 Kings 18:16-45*)

God can do the impossible.

WEEK 2: Jonah
(*Jonah 1--3*)

God knows what's best.

WEEK 3: Daniel and the Lions' Den
(*Daniel 6; Proverbs 3:5-6; 15:1; 17:17*)

God is always with you.

WEEK 4: Esther
(*Esther*)

God can help you stand up for others.

WEEK 5: Family Service
(*No elementary Sunday School*)

MEMORY VERSE:

"But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak."

Isaiah 40:31, NIV

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



MORNING TIME

First thing on Monday morning, tell your child, "Nothing you will face this week is too big or too small for God!"



MEAL TIME

At a meal this month, have everyone at the table answer these questions: "What is something in your world that seems impossible? In what are you tempted to place your confidence other than God?"



DRIVE TIME

While on the go, ask your kid, "In what part of your life do you feel confident? Why? In what part of your life do you feel you lack confidence? How could you live like you believe God is with you?"



BED TIME

Pray for each other: "Heavenly Father, thank you that nothing is too big or too hard for you. You can do the impossible, and you are with us! So, help us to trust you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

PARENT TIP:

Thanksgiving is only weeks away, and it's a good time of the year to reorient your family toward gratitude. I truly believe that gratitude is essential to the Christian life. And there is a rhythm that faithful Christians live out daily (hourly even!) that leads to a grateful spirit. It looks like this...

Humility —→ Receiving God's Grace —→ Gratitude (Repeat!)

The fact is that in order to be grateful we must turn away from entitlement. Instead, view every single good thing, (no matter how big or small), as a GIFT...because that's what it is! All good things are gifts from our gracious and kind God. (Acts 17:25, 1 Cor 4:7) And viewing our lives with that mindset is a surefire way to cultivate a thankful heart. The influential preacher, Charles Spurgeon, even said, "Thanksgiving is one of the best ways to keep yourselves in spiritual health." (He wasn't referring to the holiday, but rather to the act of thanking God, which can and should be done all year long.)

So, consider how you will encourage and model gratitude in your home. Perhaps you'll begin with a conversation. Maybe you'll each write out a list of things for which you are grateful and give thanks to God together. It certainly wouldn't hurt to name those things aloud in real time as your day unfolds. Whatever you do, make sure your own heart is full of gratitude as you lead your child.

Further resources...



A key to
finding
gratitude



Make a
thankful
tree



A profound
change of
phrase