

CONVICTION

STANDING FOR WHAT IS RIGHT EVEN WHEN OTHERS DON'T.

JOSHUA 1:9

DAY 1

Sometimes the right thing isn't the popular thing. And it can be hard to do the right thing when you feel like you're the only one. But remember, you're not really all alone. God is on your side. He sees every choice you make and He is right there with you to cheer you on every step of the way. He will give you courage, so don't be scared to stand up for what is right. Remember that God is on your side.

Create a song using the words of this verse so you can remember this promise and be brave. To write a song, you can select a familiar tune like "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" or something similar. Write out the words and practice singing the verse until you can say it without looking at the words.

THANK God for always being with you to help you be brave and strong.

PSALM 56:3

DAY 2

When it comes to standing up for what is right, you can ALWAYS lean on God. You can trust and depend on him to help you do the right thing, even when it's not easy. Check out these conviction situations below and think about how you might respond. Does your response change if you say to yourself: "I trust in God"?

Your friends start to talk about how weird the new kid is, but you don't think they're being kind.

You find a \$10 bill on the floor in the library. You know you need to turn the money in to the librarian.

Your homeroom teacher asks you to work quietly on your own and steps out into the hall to talk to another teacher. Everyone at your table immediately begins to share their answers, but you know it's always best to follow the teacher's instructions.

You head over to a friend's house and your mom reminds you absolutely NO video games. But when you get there, he's already set up the game controllers and wants you to play.

ASK God to help you "trust in Him" this week as you stand up for what is right.



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PROVERBS 12:12

DAY 3

Does it sometimes seem like people who do the wrong thing just get away with it? People who make wrong choices might get away with it for a little while. But one day, the truth will come out. One day, the bully will find himself without any friends. One day, the kid who cheats to win won't have anyone to play against. One day, the kid who lies will have trouble finding anyone that can trust him.

Here's the truth, doing the right thing always protects you in the long run. So the next time you're tempted to do the wrong thing because it seems easiest, remember today's verse. It might not be the most popular choice but standing up for what is right is ALWAYS best.

As you look at a clock this week, remember the promise found in the verse. Those who do wrong might be safe for a short time, but doing the right thing lasts forever!

LOOK for ways to stand with conviction this week.

PROVERBS 14:12

DAY 4

Do you know why it seems easier to follow the crowd? Because sometimes standing up for what is right, means you have to stand alone. And that's really hard to do. After all, if everyone else is moving in the same direction, it's difficult to be the only one that chooses a different path.

But that's the definition of conviction – standing for what is right even when others don't. Just because other people are choosing one path doesn't mean that it's the best way to get where you want to be. God wants those who follow Him to FOLLOW Him. That might mean going in a different direction from everyone else. It might even mean stepping out from the crowd and blazing your own trail.

So this week, if you face a situation and find yourself about to say "but everyone else is" stop and think. Then finish the phrase by saying "but I'm not everyone else."

Here are a few examples:

- But everyone else is still playing outside even though it's dinner time ... but I'm not everyone else.
- But everyone else is goofing off while the coach is talking... but I'm not everyone else.
- But everyone else is (fill in with your own example) ... but I'm not everyone else.

KNOW that God will help you do the right thing, even if it's not popular.

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