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(KBC Study Bible, pages 516-518)

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Weekly Challenge

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DAY 1 READ: Proverbs 3:5-6 (KBC Study Bible, page 666)

THINK: Trusting God isn't always easy. It can take great courage to wait on God's timing or obey something difficult that God has commanded you to do. The truth of God's word can help you trust God and can give you courage to stand up for what is right.

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PRAY: God, it gives me courage to know that You are with me everywhere I go. Thank You that I am never alone. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 3 READ: Psalm 27:1 (KBC Study Bible, page 576)

DO: Courage means standing strong in the face of fear. Read "Digging In" on page 576 in your KBC Study Bible. Be reminded that God gives you the courage to face your fears.

PRAY: Thank You, God, that I don't have to live in fear of what might happen to me. I can be courageous and strong in You. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 4 READ: Psalm 55:22 (KBC Study Bible, page 597)

THINK: Imagine you are carrying something very heavy. That's how worry and fear often feel, like a heavy burden. Tell God what you worry about and give your fears to Him. He will replace your fear with courage to trust in Him.

PRAY: God, thank You that I can give my fears and worries to You. Thank You for giving me courage when I feel worried and afraid. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 5 READ: John 16:33 (KBC Study Bible, page 1174)

DO: Read "Digging In" on page 1175 in your KBC Study Bible. It's comforting to know that you don't have to live in fear because Jesus has defeated sin and conquered the enemy. Be courageous and stand up for Him because of what He has done for you.

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