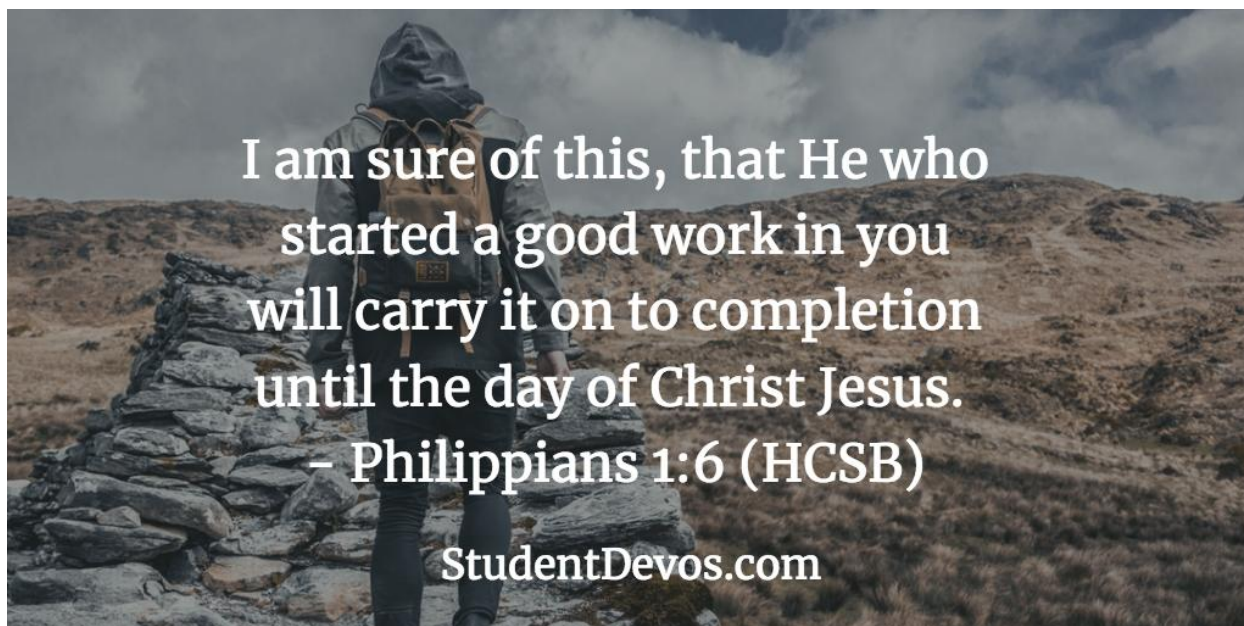


DAILY MORNING DEVOTION



WEEK 6



I am sure of this, that He who
started a good work in you
will carry it on to completion
until the day of Christ Jesus.
– Philippians 1:6 (HCSB)

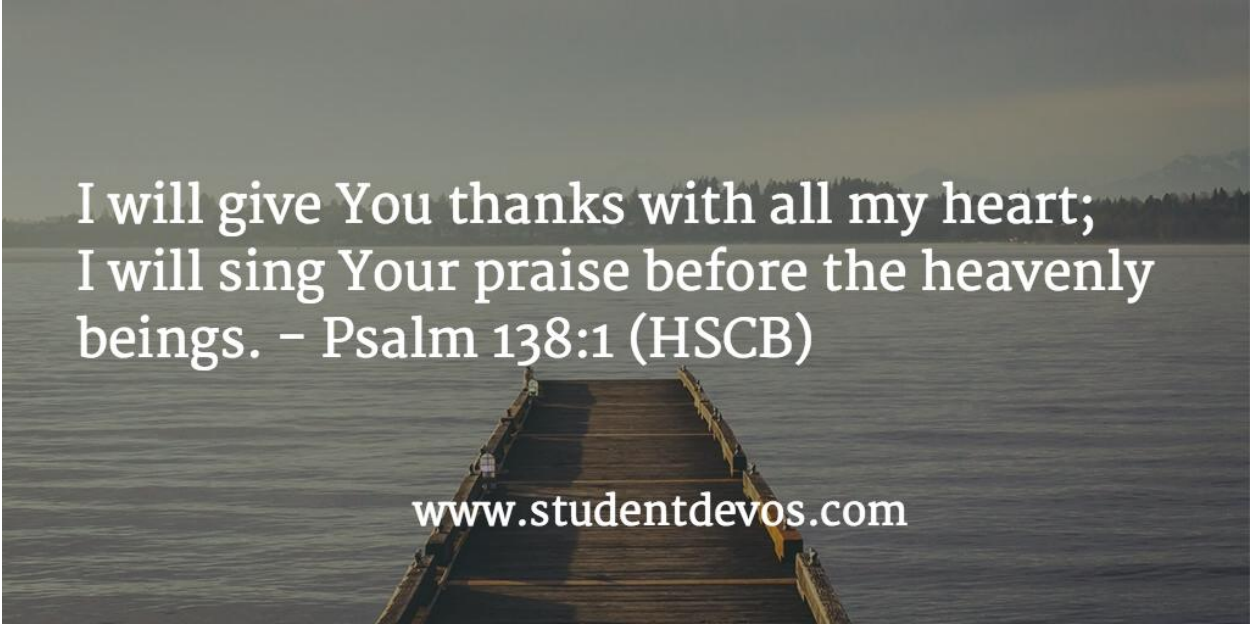
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It's hard to stay encouraged when you don't see results. I find this true, especially in my own life. When I'm not acting or doing the things I think I should I get really frustrated. I wish I was farther along and at times feel like a failure when I don't measure up to my own expectations.

Today's Bible verse really encourages me. It says that God has started a good work in me. He's not completed it yet, but He's started. And the good news is that He hasn't given up on me. He hasn't been frustrated with me messing up time and time again to the point where He's decided I'm not worth the effort. No, instead He's with me every step of the way.

He's there helping me learn and grow when I make mistakes. He's ready to come alongside me and help me out in the areas where I fall short. God hasn't given up on me yet, so I shouldn't give up on myself. I may not be perfect, but I'm learning and growing each day. So instead of being upset when I don't do or say the right thing, instead, I'm choosing to be thankful that God hasn't given up on me and He's with me as I learn each and every day.

MONDAY



I will give You thanks with all my heart;
I will sing Your praise before the heavenly
beings. – Psalm 138:1 (HSCB)

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We've got so many things to be thankful for. We've got a God who loves us, who sent His son to die for us so that He could know us.

That's something to give thanks about. This Bible verse talks about giving thanks with all our heart. That's easy to do when you spend time thinking about how good God is. When you focus on all the blessings you have in your life, it's easy to be able to give God thanks.

Take some time today to think about all the things God has done for you. You're probably more blessed than you realize!

TUESDAY



but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. – Luke 2:10 (NLT)

This week we’re going to talk a little about **uncertainty**. Right now, things feel uncertain. The future is unknown and scary. To top it off, you might not even know what school is going to look like for you this

year. In times like these, when things are uncertain, it’s easy to become fearful.
If we aren’t careful fear will steal our joy in every area of our lives.

The truth is, God doesn’t want fear to steal joy from our lives. Today’s Bible verse shows us that God reassured **Mary to not fear**. Even though she got some news that caused her uncertainty, the angel told her not to be afraid.

You probably feel a little like Mary. Life this year probably isn’t going how you expected and you keep receiving news that feels bad. However, in the midst of all the uncertainty, we can walk free from fear and live in joy.

Today, choose to look to God. Realize that He loves you and will help you through every uncertain situation.

WEDNESDAY



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PSALM 103:3 (NIV)**

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How great is it to know that God has forgiven all our sins? And not just a couple sins, but all of them are forgiven. You've been completely forgiven. There is not a single sin that is too big or too small that God hasn't

forgiven. And now because you're free from sin, you have access to God the father. That's a freeing thought!

God didn't just forgive sins, He went the extra mile. The end of the verse also says that He heals all your diseases. It's great to know that God not only forgives you but He heals you too!

Don't become too busy today to take some time out to thank God for all He's done in your life. Be thankful that your sins have been forgiven. You have been given access to God!

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THURSDAY