Day 5

Wait on God's Timing

Psalm 27:14 NLT

Sometimes God's answer is “wait.” Wait on God's timing rather than rush ahead based on your personal ambition. God sees what we can't see. His timing is always better than ours, even when waiting feels hard. When God speaks and tells you to be patient, trust Him. His plans are bigger and better than anything you could orchestrate on your own. Be confident that when God speaks, it's worth writing down and worth obeying.

Reflect:
Be so confident that God spoke to you that you write it down, trusting His timing over your own ambition.

Pray:

God, give me patience to wait on Your perfect timing instead of rushing ahead with my own plans. Amen.

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Middle School

Week 4

Daily Devotionals

Solid Foundation

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Bottom Line

Build your life on the foundation of Jesus' teaching—it's the only thing that holds when the storms come.

Day 1

Build a Solid Foundation

Matthew 7:24 NLT

Life has taught us one thing: storms are coming. You can't avoid them. We live in a fallen world, and because of that, you will face trouble. But how you prepare matters. If you build your life on a solid foundation—on Jesus and His Word—then when the storms hit, you will still stand. James tells us to consider trials an opportunity for great joy. That sounds strange, but it's because hardships reveal whether our foundation is solid. This week, focus on building your foundation. Spend time in Scripture, in prayer, and in community with other believers. When you invest in your relationship with God now, you'll be ready when trials come.

Reflect:
Build a solid foundation this week so you'll be ready when hardships and trials come your way.

Pray:

Jesus, help me build my life on the solid foundation of Your truth so I can stand strong in every storm. Amen.

Day 2

Trust the Only Unshakeable Thing

Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

Most of what we build our lives on feels solid—until it shifts. Plans fall apart. People let us down. The things we were certain about stop making sense. And suddenly we realize we were leaning on something that couldn't hold our weight.

Proverbs doesn't say trust God for the big decisions. It says every area. Every plan. Every thing you've been white-knuckling on your own. Submitting your whole life to Him isn't giving up control—it's trading a shaky foundation for one that actually holds.

Reflect:
What area of your life are you most tempted to figure out on your own without God?

What would it look like to genuinely submit that area to Him today?

Pray:

Lord, I confess I lean on my own understanding more than I lean on You. Help me trust You with every part of my life—not just the parts that feel out of control. You are the only foundation that doesn't shift. Amen.

Day 3

Don't Just Read It—Do It

James 1:22 NLT

James is blunt: if you hear the Word but don't act on it, you're fooling yourself. Not ignoring God—fooling yourself. You can feel like you're building something while actually going nowhere.

Attending church, listening to sermons, even reading devotionals—none of it builds a solid foundation on its own. What builds the foundation is when what you hear actually changes how you live. Every time you act on what God says, you're laying another stone. Every time you hear it and do nothing, the sand shifts a little more.

The gap between hearing and doing is where foundations crumble.

Reflect:
Is there something God has been saying to you that you've been hearing but not yet acting on?

What's one specific step you could take this week to close that gap?

Pray:

God, I don't just want to be someone who knows the right things. I want to be someone who does them. Show me where I've been hearing without obeying—and give me the courage to act on what You've already told me. Amen.

Day 4

The Rock Doesn't Move

Psalm 18:2 NLT

David wrote Psalm 18 after God rescued him from his enemies—after the storm had already hit. And what he said in the aftermath was this: God was my rock the whole time.

That's the thing about a solid foundation. You don't always feel it until everything else has been shaken. The storm doesn't create the foundation—it reveals it. And when the rain comes and the winds hit and everything feels uncertain, the one thing that remains is the one thing that was always there: God Himself.

He is not shaken by what shakes you. Build on Him.

Reflect:
Think about a past storm you've been through. Where did you see God holding you up in it?

How does remembering that change the way you face whatever you're currently up against?

Pray:

Lord, You have been my rock even in the seasons I didn't recognize it. Help me build my life on You with intention—so that when the next storm comes, I'm not surprised by what's underneath me. You don't move. Amen.