



TOUGH TALKS

WEEK 3

DAY 1: READ ROMANS 10

Whether we're new believers, long-seasoned followers of Jesus or haven't yet made a decision to follow Him, we could all use a healthy reminder of what it looks like to find salvation in Jesus. If we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved. Are you overwhelmed or struggling to "feel" His salvation? Trust in His promise.

DAY 2: READ GENESIS 32

Before Jacob ever wrestled with God, he had spent a lifetime navigating conflicts with others. While we tend to be worn down by our circumstances and conflicts with others, let's imitate Jacob in his relentless desire for God. Jacob wrestled God and refused to stop, even pushing through the pain of a dislocated hip until God would bless him. When the Holy Spirit confronts us with our sin, let's not let the pain, discomfort or toughness of His refining process discourage us from seeking Him and experiencing the blessing of His Son.

DAY 3: READ HEBREWS 10:19-31

Though we do not deserve it, God has given us hope and an everlasting promise of life in Jesus Christ. God, being rich in mercy, love and absolute holiness, has shown us the hope we can have in Jesus and assured us of the terrifying, righteous judgment awaiting us if we Him. He's laid out the truth for us, so let's listen to Him. Let's not profane Jesus' sacrifice and reject His promise; instead, let's hold fast to our confession of hope in Jesus as Lord and put to death our sinful ways. God always keeps His promises.



DAY 4: READ JOHN 16

Do you feel alone? Trust in Jesus' words to us. He promised us the living presence of His Holy Spirit to keep us company, guide and challenge us as we obey His mission and wait for His return. Are you discouraged? Trust in Jesus' words to us. He assured us we will face persecution and even murder at the hands of people who feel justified in their actions. He reminded us of His victory over this world because we so often forget. He has assured us of His victory, His authority, His presence and our ability to speak with Him. Be encouraged, church! Remember the promises we have in Jesus!

DAY 5: READ LUKE 21:29-36

Jesus has promised to return. He's warned us very clearly to avoid behaviors that will distract and dissipate our faith and readiness for His return. Are you actively engaged in His mission to prepare others for His rescue or are you wasting your time, energy and resources on drunkenness and the impotent, trivial luxuries of life? Pray for clarity, seek Him for conviction and strive to stay grounded in scriptural truth, powerfully active in prayer and proactively seeking to share the good news of Jesus with a world full of people who still don't have His hope. When Jesus returns, let Him find us eager and actively on His mission.

DAY 6: READ HEBREWS 10:32-39

Jesus is returning soon. God has assured us of the salvation we can have through faith in Jesus; He's also assured us of His righteous judgment for all and destruction for those who refuse Christ's blood. Jesus' coming return is both a promise of hope and word of warning. When we see the call of Jesus in the light of His imminent return, our circumstances and the things that happen to us pale in comparison to the need for everyone to know the hope and rescue of Jesus and, in trusting Him, escape the certain destruction of God's righteous wrath. We readily accept trials, tribulation, opposition, persecution and even death because we're certain God keeps His promises.

