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# VERSES

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FOR YOUR LIFE

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What does the Bible say about \_\_\_\_\_?

It has information about all kinds of things that are important to us today, thousands of years after it was written. Wow. That's pretty amazing.

What Bible verses resonate with you? Which ones do you call upon in times of stress?

Following is a compilation of verses that fill that bill for me and my life. On [kennedyfamfive.com](http://kennedyfamfive.com), we say, this is "what works for us." Well, these Bible verses have "worked" for us in many instances in our lives.

Don't take that the wrong way. God is not some genie-in-a-bottle, granting wishes if we rub the lamp and say the words just right; the Bible is not to be used at our whim, pulling verses out of context to suit us.

On the contrary, God and His word, are living. Even when the earth is no more, God's word will still *be* (Matthew 24:35).

Isn't that awesome? Even though people will let us down, God and the Bible will not, cannot.

That said, these are just stand alone verses. If a verse starts with...for, so, and, but, etc....there's something important prior to this verse! Look it up. Get in the word. Remember, the word of the Lord will not return without producing any effect (see Isaiah 55:11).

One more thing before we get to the good stuff! I started out thinking I would write this as "31 days of scripture"...you know, one for every day of the month? But I forgot something really important...you can't put God in a box. The 31 days thing was just my idea. But God had a different plan. So some of these sections have just one verse, while others have several.

I would dearly love to know what you think; write to me at [mary@kennedyfamfive.com](mailto:mary@kennedyfamfive.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

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## on How to Live

1. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. ~Matthew 6:33
2. ...choose today whom you will serve....But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord. ~Joshua 24:15
3. ...I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. ~Philippians 3:13b
4. Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ~Proverbs 3:5
5. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will help you. ~Psalm 37:5
6. Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. ~1 Timothy 4:12
7. And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worth of praise. ~Philippians 4:8

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## on How to Act

8. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. ~Philippians 4:6-7
  
9. Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. ~James 1:19
  
10. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.  
~Ephesians 4:31-32
  
11. Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.  
~James 4:17

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## on How to Speak

12. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. ~John 8:32

13. Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble. ~Proverbs 21:23

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## on the Future

14. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

~Proverbs 3:6

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## on Worry

15. That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life--whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly father feeds them. Aren't you far more valuable to Him than they are?

~Matthew 5:25-26

16. Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for Him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

~Psalm 37:7

17. Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you. ~1 Peter 5:7

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## on Witnessing

18.It's not important who does the planting or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seeds grow. ~1 Corinthians 3:7

## on Love

19. Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. ~James 1:27

20. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it, but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.  
~1 Corinthians 13:3

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## on Troubles and Trials

21. Jesus said, "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things about you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in Heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way." ~Matthew 5:11-12

22. So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold--though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. ~1 Peter 1:6-7a

23. Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

~James 1:2-4

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## on Spiritual Battle

24. A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

~Ephesians 6:10-18

25. For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword..." ~Hebrews 4:12

26. Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are. ~1 Peter 5:8-9

27. Keep alert and pray. Otherwise temptation will overpower you. For though the spirit is willing enough, the body is weak! ~Matthew 26:41

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## on Work

28. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ~Ephesians 6:7

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## on Salvation

29. Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." ~John 14:6

30. But if we confess our sins to him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. ~1 John 1:9

31. Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. ~Hebrews 11:1

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## on Who God Is

32. Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. ~James 1:17

33. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ~2 Corinthians 1:3

34. And remember when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. ~James 1:13

35. God is not the author of confusion but of peace. ~1 Corinthians 14:33

36. But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." ~1 Samuel 16:7

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## on Jesus

37. Jesus said, "I am leaving you a gift--peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

~John 14:27

38. Then Jesus wept. ~John 11:35

39. Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.

~John 21:25

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## on Fear

40. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. ~2 Timothy 1:7

41. In my distress I prayed to the Lord, and the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me? ~Psalm 118:5-6

42. O our God, won't you stop them? We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help. ~2 Chronicles 20:12

43. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will help you. ~Psalm 37:5

44. But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear Him. ~Psalm 103:17

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**on Worship**

45.As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.

~Psalm 42:1

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## on God's Promises

46. I will be your God throughout your lifetime-until your hair is white with age.  
I made you, and I will care you and save you. ~Isaiah 46:4

47. Jesus said, "There is more than enough room in my father's house. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" ~John 14:2

48. Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." ~Hebrews 13:5

49. For nothing is impossible with God. ~Luke 1:37

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## {after}word

You may have noticed that some familiar (I hate to use the word, "popular") verses are not included....such as Philippians 4:13, Jeremiah 29:11, or John 3:16. My hope is that this will be a resource for when you need something *in addition to* those.

How will **you** use this resource? Maybe in one or more of these ways...

- ✓ post on your fridge or bathroom mirror, to be reminded each day
- ✓ as a starting point for your day
- ✓ for your quiet time...a verse to focus/meditate on
- ✓ you or your family will work on memorizing these verses
- ✓ you or someone in your family will read one at meal time or at bed time or when you pray together as a family
- ✓ Your own ideas:

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{final} word

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favor and give you His peace.

~Numbers 6:24-26