

Verses to Help when facing the Challenge of Doubting God

Doubting God affects all Christians from time to time - it's part of a living relationship. It shouldn't be feared but wrestled with so we grow closer to God.

Paul reminds us we'll never know everything

"For we live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIVUK

Paul again reminds us where our true source of strength comes from

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7 NIVUK

Yet again Paul reminds us

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 6:12 NIVUK

Prayer actively engages with God

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6 NIVUK

God's Word is full of His promises, His faithfulness, His wisdom and His guidance so why wouldn't we turn to it?

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIVUK

We remember God has a plan for us - we can learn from Jeremiah all those centuries ago

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIVUK

We can't live life looking only at the rear view mirror

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 NIVUK

We are God's children - a relationship to God through Jesus

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1 NIVUK

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It's not how we see ourselves that matters

"... God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong." 1 Corinthians 1:27 NIVUK

We have God's Grace not our feelings

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no-one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 NIVUK

Jesus promised to be with us

".... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20 NIVUK

He understands us no matter how we feel - like He did Thomas and Peter

"if our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything." 1 John 3:20 NIVUK

Peter couldn't have been clearer

'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'" Acts 2:38-39 NIVUK

God has given us the privilege of sharing our Christian journey with others - they're not just there for their looks

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 NIVUK

Two more verses to offer you

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;" Proverbs 3:5 NIVUK

and

".... God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'" Hebrews 13:5 NIVUK