

FAMILY  
BOOK  
OF  
ENCOURAGEMENT

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VILLAGE CHURCH OF LINCOLNSHIRE

Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be terrified;  
Do not be discouraged,  
For the LORD your God  
will be with you wherever you go.

Josh 1:9

The LORD is my shepherd,  
I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he restores my soul.  
He guides me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

Psalm 23

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Carl Johnson, Scott Swingle

The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life,  
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

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Michael Tatevosian

For the word of the LORD  
is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.

Ps 33:4

I sought the LORD,  
and he answered me;  
he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him  
are radiant;  
their faces are never covered with shame.

The angel of the LORD  
encamps around those who fear him,  
and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
Blessed are those who take refuge in him.

Psalm 34: 4-5,7,8 (TNIV)

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Maureen Dwyer, Penney Edwards

God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall  
into the heart of the sea,

Be still and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.

Ps 46:1,2,10

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

my hope comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation;

he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

My salvation and my honor depend on God;

he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people;

pour out your hearts to him,

for God is our refuge.

Ps 62:5-8

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Caiti Nagy

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!  
My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.

Better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere;  
I would rather  
be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and honor;  
no good thing does he withhold  
from those whose walk is blameless.  
O LORD Almighty,  
blessed are those who trusts in you.

Ps. 84:1-2,10-12

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Jan Nelson

He who dwells  
in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest  
in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD,  
"He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."

Psalm 91:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—  
he who watches over you will  
not slumber;

Psalm 121:1-3

My heart is not proud, O LORD,  
my eyes are not haughty;  
I do not concern myself with great matters  
or things too wonderful for me.

But I have stilled and quieted my soul;  
like a weaned child with its mother,  
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD  
both now and forevermore.

Psalm 131

Trust in the LORD

with all your heart

and lean not on your own understanding;

In all your ways

acknowledge him,

and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

In his heart a man  
plans his course,  
but the LORD  
determines his steps.

Proverbs 16:9

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Carl Johnson

The king's heart  
is in the hand of the LORD;

he directs it like a watercourse  
wherever he pleases.

Proverbs 21:1

Because of the LORD's great love

we are not consumed

for his compassions

never fail

They are new every morning

great is Your faithfulness

Lam 3:22-23

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Jennifer Rhodes

Whoever loves money

never has money enough;

Whoever loves wealth

is never satisfied with his income.

This too is meaningless

Ecclesiastes 5:10

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Doug Cummings

You will keep him in perfect peace

Whose mind is stayed on You

Because he trusts in You

Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)

He tends his flock like a shepherd:

He gathers the lambs in his arms

and carries them close to his heart;

He gently leads those that have young.

Isa 40:11

Those who hope in the LORD

will renew their strength

They will soar on wings like eagles

They will run and not grow weary

They will walk and not be faint

Isaiah 40:31

So do not fear,  
for I am with you;

Do not be dismayed,  
for I am your God.

I will strengthen you  
and help you;

I will uphold you  
with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

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Bob Fischer, Dori Kaslesky, Dale Rust

But now, this is what the LORD says—  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not,  
For I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name;  
you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze."

Isaiah 43:1-2

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

“But I will restore you to health  
and heal your wounds,”  
declares the LORD,  
“because you are called  
an outcast,  
Zion for whom no one cares.”

Jeremiah 30:17

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

**But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:25-34

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Bryan Kane, Jennifer McNiven

Jesus turned and saw her.  
    “Take heart, daughter,”  
he said,  
    “your faith has healed you.”  
And the woman was healed from  
that moment.

Matthew 9:22

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:19-20

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10: 41-42

For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him  
shall not perish  
but have eternal life.

John 3:16

I give them eternal life,  
and they shall never perish;  
no one can snatch them  
out of my hand.

John 10:28

But God demonstrates his  
own love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

For the wages of sin is death,  
but the gift of God  
is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

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John VanWyk

For I am convinced that  
neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons,  
neither the present nor the future,  
nor any powers,  
neither height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love  
of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Let us not become weary  
in doing good, for at the  
proper time we will reap a  
harvest if we do not give  
up.

Galatians 6:9

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

Rejoice in the Lord  
always.  
I will say it again:  
Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

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Connie Krueger, Kay Olson

For I have learned to be content  
whatever the circumstances. I  
know what it is to be in need, and  
I know what it is to have plenty. I  
have learned the secret of being  
content in any and every situation,  
whether well fed or hungry,  
whether living in plenty or in  
want. I can do everything through  
him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11b-13

Be joyful always;  
pray continually;  
give thanks in all  
circumstances,  
for this is God's  
will for you in  
Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18

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Carol Christiansen

Now faith is being  
sure of what we  
hope for and certain  
of what we do not  
see.

Hebrews 11:1

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

HEBREWS 10:19-23

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Pet 2:9-10

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Mike McDonough

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2 Peter 1:16

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 24

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Katrina Johnson

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Revelation 21:3-5

We asked the folks at Village Church of Lincolnshire what Bible verses they found most encouraging in tough times and assembled them as a gift to you. If a verse does not make sense by itself, look up the passage in your Bible and read the surrounding verses to see its context. If you do not own a Bible, contact us and we will send you one free of charge. May God encourage and strengthen you through this booklet.



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