

When were
you scared but
kept going?

Day 5

Have you ever been reading a book that was a little scary, so you skipped to the end just to make sure that everything would turn out okay?

**We can't do that in real life,
but we can do something even better.**

We can trust God, who knows the end of the story, and who has promised He will work things out for our best in the end. Paul writes this in Romans 8:28: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him," (NIRV).

That doesn't mean things will always turn out what we want them to now, but it does mean that even when things aren't going well, we can trust that there's more going on than we can see or understand, and that God is going to carry us through no matter what.

Grab a sheet of paper and cut out a bookmark. Then write the words from Romans 8:28 on it and decorate it however you want. Whenever you're wishing you could skip ahead to the end of a situation remember that you're being held by the One who is writing the story, and that's even better.



Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show. (Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: _____

2) YOU LEARNED: _____

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: _____

Day 2

Read Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60

After you read Acts 6:8-15 and Acts 7:51-60, go back and look at all the verses in between. It's a lot, but it's basically a summary of God's Story. Stephen believed so strongly in Jesus as God's plan for the world that he shared the whole story, knowing his life was at risk.

The first 50 verses of Acts 7 are determination in action. Stephen didn't back down. He may have been scared, but he kept going. And we see in verses 56 and 57 that before he even went to heaven, Stephen was blessed with a vision from God: Jesus, welcoming him into heaven:

"But he was full of the Holy Spirit. He looked up to heaven and saw God's glory. He saw Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'Look!' he said. 'I see heaven open. The Son of Man is standing at God's right hand,'" (NIRV).

Stephen didn't know the end of the story, but he trusted the God who did, and that very day, he was welcomed by his Savior to spend forever with God.

Day 3

All month long, you've prayed for determination for yourself. But you probably also know some other people who are struggling to keep going. Who do you know that is facing a hard journey—perhaps because of sickness, death, losing their job, or having to move? If you can't think of anyone, just ask an adult—they'll likely know of someone who you can pray for. Use the sample prayer below to ask God to help them to keep going even when they don't know the end of the story.

"Dear God, please be with _____ who is having a really hard time because of _____. I imagine they are scared because _____. It's so hard when we don't know how things will turn out. . . but we do believe that you know how things will turn out. You know the end of the story, and we can trust you no matter what. Please help _____ to remember that, and to keep going even when they're scared. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen."

Day 4

Who is the person you prayed for yesterday? Today you're going to encourage them to keep going. There are lots of ways you can do this.

- Make them a card. Consider including a Bible verse to encourage them, like Psalm 27:1.
- Send them a text or email and just let them know you're praying for them.

- Give them a call so they know you're thinking of them.
- Bake them some cookies or drop off some flowers at their house.

Pick a few of these things. Whenever someone is going through something scary, it means so much to know that other people are cheering you on. No matter how you choose to encourage your friend, be sure and continue to pray for them to keep going.

