



When Change Is Hard

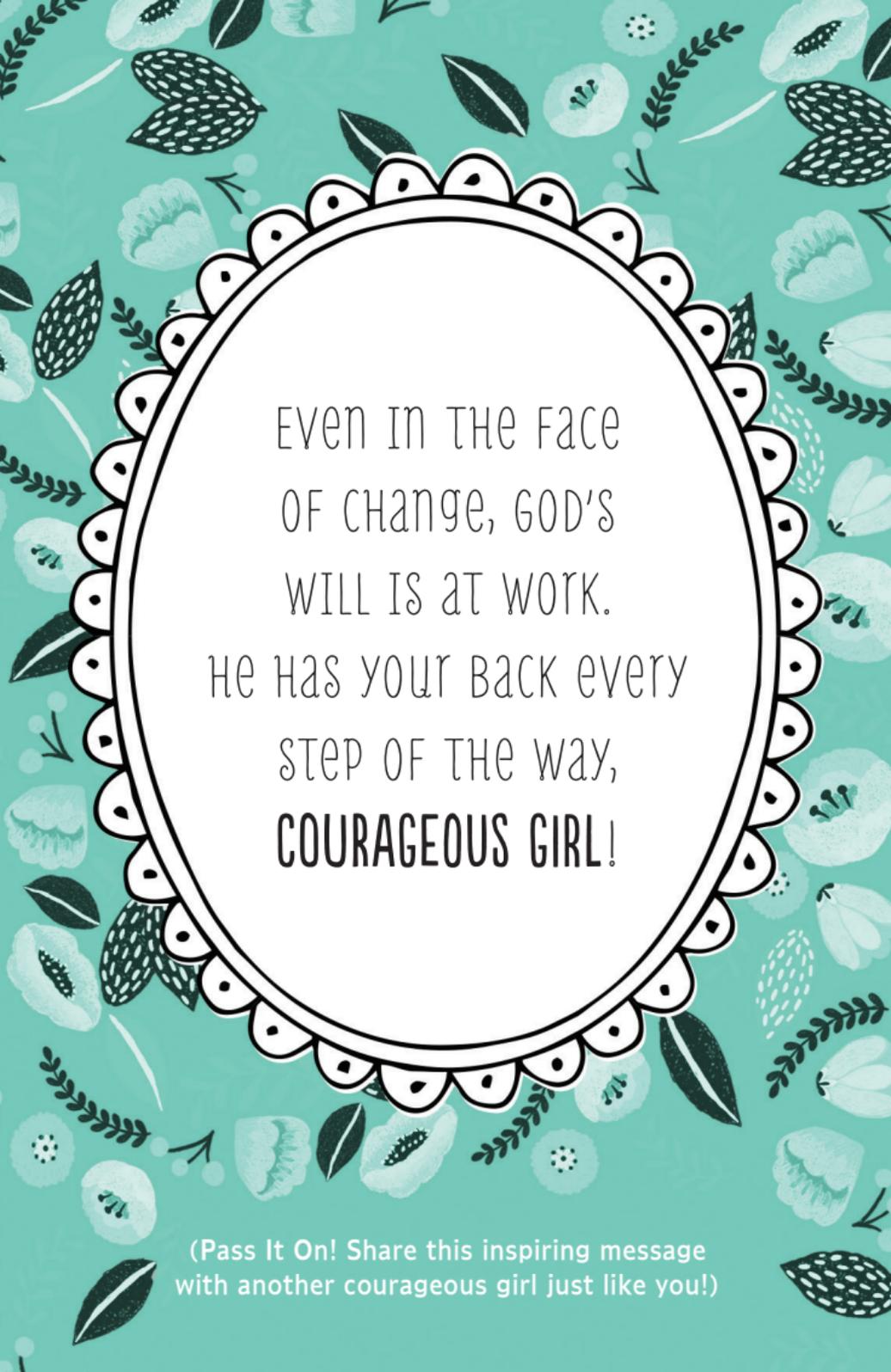
Are you facing some kind of change in your family? Maybe you've had to move to another city, change schools, and make new friends. Maybe the structure of your family has been changed by death or divorce. No matter what changes you are facing, if you know Jesus, your life belongs to Him. And even in the midst of change, God's will prevails. Sometimes He allows change so that you will become stronger. And sometimes it's so that you will be able to help others who go through something similar.

God is *never* careless with His children. Things don't happen by accident or because He forgot to pay attention. He is fully aware of what's happening in your life. And more important, nothing can come into your life that doesn't pass by Him first. So don't struggle against His plan for you. Realize that you're God's special treasure. He knows what's best for you, and He'll take care of you no matter what changes come your way.



*This is the day that the Lord has made,
Let us be full of joy and be glad in it.*

PSALM 118:24



EVEN IN THE FACE
OF CHANGE, GOD'S
WILL IS AT WORK.
HE HAS YOUR BACK EVERY
STEP OF THE WAY,
COURAGEOUS GIRL!

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When Things Aren't Going Your Way

Bad days? We all have them. And you've been there with. . . the haircut that didn't turn out like the picture you showed the stylist, the reprimand from your teacher for talking in class, the less-than-perfect grade on your science quiz, and the bruised knees from your embarrassing trip over your chair in homeroom.

We can't always control things that go wrong, but we can control our reaction to those things. So the next time you have a bad day, think about the wonderful things in your life—like your wonderful family, your cuddly pet, your best friend, your bedroom that's decorated just the way you like it—and you'll find yourself bouncing back fast from your sour mood.

And last but not least, thank God for all the good stuff in your life. He'll be happy to hear from you!



*Always give thanks for all things to God
the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

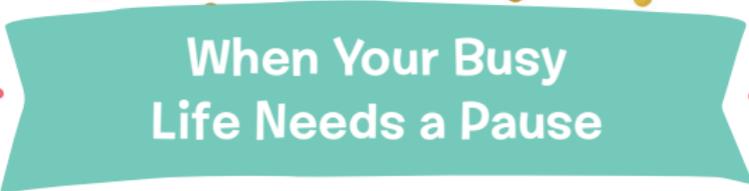
EPHESIANS 5:20



There are a lot
of wonderful things
in this beautiful
life of yours,
COURAGEOUS GIRL!

Say a great big
thanks to God for all
He's given you!

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When Your Busy Life Needs a Pause

Have you ever gone outside at night and stared up at the stars? Did you notice how they twinkle against the dark sky—how they offer shimmers of light? Don't they look teensy-tiny up there, sparkling away?

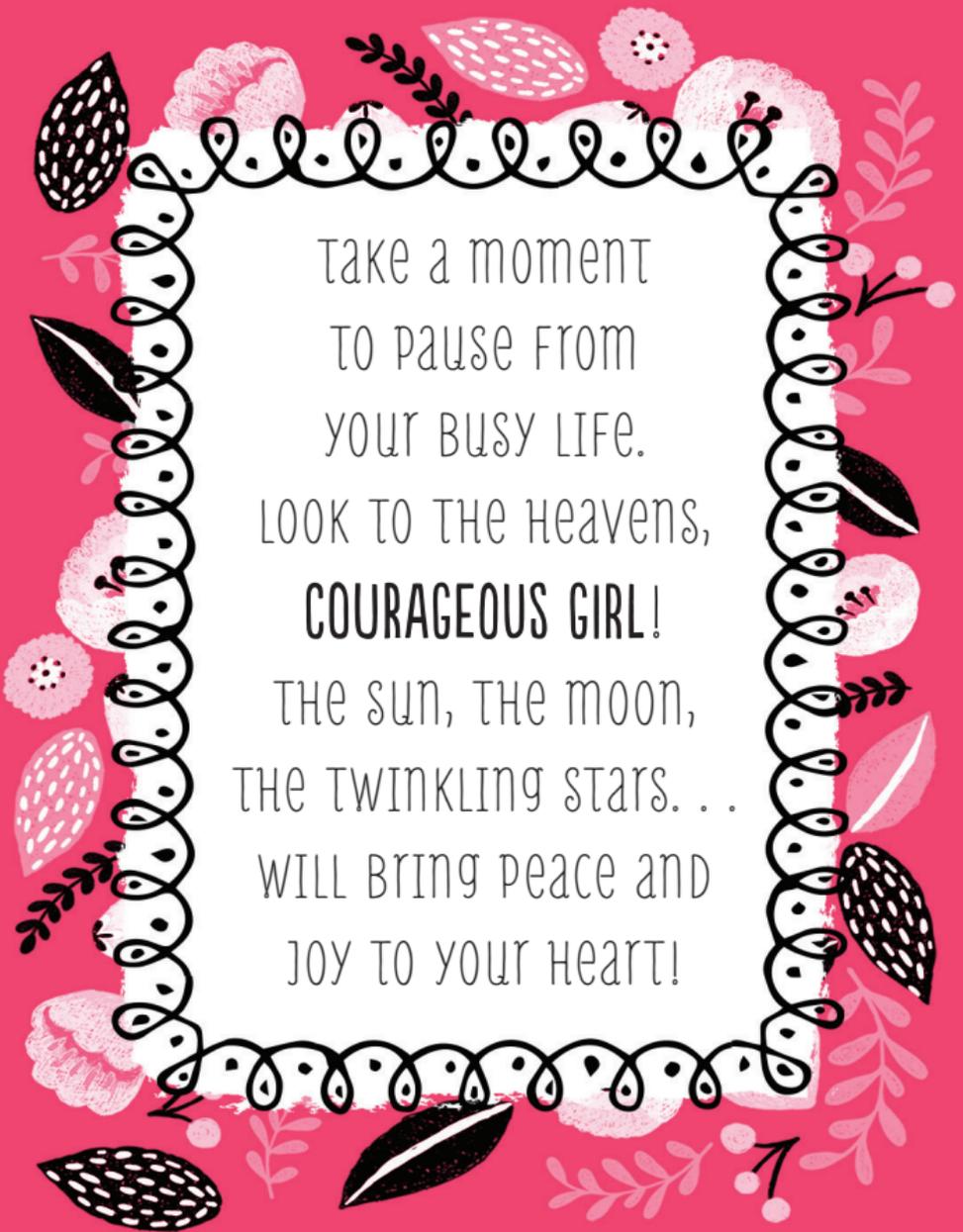
The stars are actually huge! They're giant creations that only look small from earth! The stars. . .and the moon . . .and the sun. . .were placed in the sky by your heavenly Father. Why? Well, they serve a purpose, of course! But they're also there to show His glory, His majesty. If you close your eyes really tight (c'mon—close 'em!), you can almost imagine them singing the praises of God, telling the wonders of their awesome Creator.

The next time you look up into the sky and see a bright white star or a golden moon, pause a minute. Close your eyes. Think about God, seated on His throne in heaven—and seated on the throne of your heart. Doesn't just thinking about Him bring a huge smile to your face? Well, what are you waiting for? Praise Him!



*The heavens are telling of the greatness
of God and the great open spaces above
show the work of His hands.*

PSALM 19:1



Take a moment
to pause from
your busy life.
Look to the heavens,
COURAGEOUS GIRL!
The sun, the moon,
the twinkling stars...
will bring peace and
joy to your heart!

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