

## ONE CONVERSATION

**Parents:** *Is it difficult for you to take people at their word? Do you tend to be more naturally trusting of other people, or more naturally suspicious? The degree to which we are willing to trust other people depends upon their character and the degree to which they have shown themselves trustworthy in the past. If someone fails to follow through with their commitments, we will lose trust and potentially even give up on ever trusting them again.*

*Remind your son or daughter of God's perfect track record of faithfulness. We can trust that He will do what He says because He always has. Contrast this with our imperfect, broken, and inconsistent track record of keeping promises. If we are honest, we will admit that our record pales in comparison. Thankfully, we serve a God who is faithful to us despite our unfaithfulness and a God who will deliver those who humbly cry out to Him.*

## CENTRAL TRUTH

*Our God is faithful to deliver those who humbly cry out to Him.*

## PERSONAL CHALLENGE

› **Dwell:** Schedule a time this week to take a spiritual inventory of your life and how God has guided and directed you. It is important to remember that as a human being with a sin nature, you have a limited perspective on what God is doing in your life, but nonetheless, it is important that we acknowledge God's hand in our everyday lives. In an effort to do so, journal your answers to the following questions.

- What would my life be like today if I had never heard the good news about Jesus?
- When has God used other people to keep me from making a bad decision?
- When have you been really frustrated by your circumstances in life? How do you see God's hand in this? How might He have been working in that situation to tell a better story than you could write for yourself?

› **Memorize:** Judges 5:3

› **Pray:** Thank God for His promises to provide for us, protect us, and redeem us. Ask Him to help you trust that He is writing a better story for you than you could write for yourself. Pray that you would trust that this is the case even when you face frustrating trials and difficult situations. Look to Him to humble you to see His hand at work, drawing you to Himself in all that you do and in everything that you face.