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# WELCOME TO CONQUER THE TEST

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Hi Students,

Welcome to Conquer the Test. Thank you all for coming and sacrificing one of your valuable evenings to be here, working hard on SATs with me. I know it's not a small sacrifice, and I don't take it lightly. Because you are working hard, I am working hard also. I wouldn't ask you guys to do something that I'm not also willing to do.

I've put a lot of thought, heart, and love into this class, and I'm already praying for each of you. That said, if something isn't working for you, if you're not understanding anything, if a video in the online portion wasn't clear, etc....I want to hear it. I want to make sure you're getting everything you can from our time together.

Let me start by telling each of you what I believe about you. You were all meant to change the world. Every one of you.

**Andrew**, you are meant to run hard after your dreams. And that means that you are meant to actually dream. Don't let any voices or thoughts keep you from dreaming big. You are fully able to change this place for the better.

**Angie**, you are just as capable as the people that you've watched around you. You are accepted and "in the in-crowd." Your quietness is your strength.

**Christopher**, you are smart. Your mind is meant to unlock things that others haven't been able to figure out. You're meant, with your wisdom, to bring healing to people who've been stuck for a long time.

**Haley**, you can't be stopped. Every setback that comes at you is not an obstacle, just another stepping stone. Don't get discouraged. Don't give up. To those who persevere, God shows himself very strong.

**Kendrick**, the SAT is no big deal for you. If you've ever felt like you won't be able to do very well on it...you're wrong. Believe in your ability. God put it there and he is proud of you.

**Matthew**, you're a rock, dude. You can't be moved. The strength that you have is something that many people wish they had. And you're meant to be a safe place for others, to protect them when they're weak. You're a good man.

**McKenzie**, have you ever watched an eagle fly? They fly with peace, strength, and absolute effortlessness. That's you. You carry yourself with grace but you can tear to shreds anything that gets in your way. Do that to the SAT and you'll be fine :)

**Richie**, you belong in this class. You deserve to be here. I'm really excited to welcome you into this small, temporary, kind of random family. You might feel like, in life, you're out of your element, in uncharted territory. Maybe even alone. But you're a voyager, dude. Blaze a new trail. The world needs that from you.

**Sara**, God sees you. He sees all the stuff you've been through and is extremely proud of who you've become. Take the challenges that you've faced and use them to bring freedom to others. Basically, show them who's boss.

Welcome you guys. You all rock. The SAT doesn't. That's why you're going to win : )

Let's do this,

**MATT**