
WELCOME TO CONQUER THE TEST

Hi Students,

Welcome to Conquer the Test. Thank you all for coming and sacrificing three of your precious Saturdays 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.

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.

Cesar, you are a fighter. The dreams and hopes you have for your life won't come easily, but they WILL indeed come as long as you keep...pressing...forward. Fight. When dark things come your way, you don't accept them as part of you or your lot in life. Instead, turn them into strength. Let them build you, mature you, because eventually you are going to win.

Christine, you're like an oak tree. Doesn't sound exciting I know, but an oak tree is one of the most solid, immovable trees around. You have seen some hard things that should have shaken you, but you've stood very strong. And you will continue to stand strong. Your strength will protect others.

Emily, you are as valuable and honored as a gemstone on God's crown. He literally adorns himself with you because he is so proud of you, and he's not ashamed to be seen with you. Your story is very important, because many will see it unfold and wondering if the goodness that comes through your life can come to theirs also.

Kimberly, you bring joy to every room you enter. And God wants you to know that someday, whether you enter the business world, or medicine, or teaching or whatever, you are going to bring fresh vitality to that field. You are going to remind others that life and work don't have to be dull and life-draining. They'll see in you fire, joy, drive, AND the ability to change things in the world.

Sean, you are worth more than you've ever realized or felt. The Lord wants to unleash a new awareness in you of how much he loves you. And he's going to use you to put together the broken hearts of others, giving hurting, down and out people a new chance to rise up and be strong.

Sebastian, don't be afraid to dream. Your real dreams, not the ones that seem responsible and like the best ways to make money...but the things you ACTUALLY want to do. Those are worth pursuing. God wants you to be free to chase them and to see them come to pass. You are a builder, and you're meant to improve areas of society that have badly needed it.

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

Let's do this,

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