
WELCOME TO CONQUER THE TEST

Hi Students,

Welcome to Conquer the Test. Thank you all for coming and sacrificing four of your precious Wednesdays 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, and what I believe God is saying to you: You were all meant to change the world. Every one of you.

Alexander, you absolutely 100% belong. You belong in your family. You belong in your circle of friends. You belong in this world. The world is better because of you.

Amanda, God wants you to know that he loves spending time with you. As if you and he were sitting together on the top of a mountain watching the sun rise. He values you. No matter what happens in your life, he thinks that you are worth his time.

Amman, you are noble and full of honor. God designed you to defend the weak and hurting in the world. He wants you to know that he will rescue you...and help you to rescue others.

Aryanna, you carry yourself with grace and poise. And like a ballet dancer puts in hours and years of hard work behind the scenes so that she can perform effortlessly on stage...God sees the behind the scenes struggle and work and even pain. And he is proud of you. He is with you.

Blake, the dreams that you have for your life are good, even if you feel like they could never happen. Don't give up on them. God is with you. He puts his dreams for you inside of you.

Brynn, when life has felt slow, boring, uneventful...like nothing is happening or going to happen, God wants you to know that he is coming. Your life is powerful and will change your world. You have authority and influence, even already.

Gabby, the Lord wants you to know that you are his masterpiece. If he spent all of history painting only one work, you would be enough.

Justin, there is no obstacle that you ever have faced, that you are facing now, or that you will face in the future...that you can't overcome. God wants you to know that even though you may feel like setbacks have dogged you every step of the way...he is with you. Keep pushing and you will win.

Kenneth, you are strong. You were meant to carry others when they can't carry themselves. God sees you as a protector of others.

Madelyn, you also are strong. You can do those things that others have said you can't. You can do the things that you feel like you can't. Prove people wrong and keep pursuing the dreams that feel out of reach. God is with you.

Mason, God has given you lightness and joy. And he loves when you bring that joy and laughter to the people around you. He wants you to know you are a symbol of his own lightness. He is happy with you and in a good mood.

Nick, you lead others into more of their destiny that God made them for. You have the ability to see people for who they truly are and to show them their true God-given value. Use it.

Paul, God is very very happy with you. He loves your curiosity and your drive to know what is REAL in the world. You don't have time to waste on things that are insincere or meaningless, and that's how God made you. He will show you himself...in a very real way. Keep going.

Ty, you were meant to have a strong, powerful voice. Like a rap artist who moves the masses and calls out corruption. What you have to say matters, and is very important.

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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