

## ***Family Faith Connection Week 9/Day 1***

***Scripture Reference: Isaiah 55:10-11***

### ***40 Day Challenge***

***\*Read today's Scripture Verses:***



*As we begin the final stage of our Phase 1 process, I am asking you today to begin a new journey with me today. A 40 DAY CHALLENGE! Many of you have been asking me to give you more opportunities to encourage your family in learning the Bible, so over the next 40 Days I am asking you to follow the challenge that our students will be undertaking over the next 40 Days. Now I am also asking that you be “COMMITTED” to this process. You CANNOT skip a day... I know that seems very hard, but understand that we are asking our families to begin preparing for the next PHASE. In doing so we must be ready to allow our families to be surrounded by God every chance we can get... and that means we must start digging deeper into the word of God ourselves.*

*One of the hardest things that people have trouble doing is memorizing scripture. It is the greatest opportunity for us to be able to protect ourselves and our family against the evil that surrounds us in this world. From the very beginning of His ministry, Jesus was being attacked by Satan as He was praying and preparing in the wilderness or desert. As we have seen before, each moment allowed Jesus to respond with the Word of God... Why? Because it gives us power and strength to overcome anything that may surround us. I find it crazy that many times we totally mess up scripture. We kinda add or subtract a few words here and there so that it sounds like we want it to sound. WARNING>>WARNING >> DANGER WILL ROBINSON!! God tells us that we should not add or take away from His word.. WOE BE UNTO US! But in serious reality, we must be ready and prepared to ALWAYS give an answer to anyone who asks us about anything about GOD. One of the strongest components that we have to help us through this process is... you guessed it SCRIPTURE!*

*SO here is what I am asking you to do. Over the next 40 days I will provide a daily Scripture verse for your students to begin memorizing Today. Our 40 Days will end on May 22nd...Same as the devos, Monday-Friday for 8 weeks. So as a parent... I would like for you to begin this journey with your family. Your assignment if you decide to take it, is to clearly HELP and SUPPORT your student along the way. Get a dry erase marker and every night, either write a scripture verse on their mirror in the bathroom so that they can see it in the morning, or rewrite it on a piece of paper and place it in their lunchbox or book bag... or try this, find a creative way for them to begin learning the verses on a daily basis. You will have to study yourself as well and see just how much God will bring your family closer to each other and more importantly closer to HIM!*

*So the challenge is for the next 40 Days to spend time “LEARNING” not just memorizing scripture, but LEARNING the scripture in hopes that they will be able to make it a part of their life. Have them take out their Bibles EVERY day and underline the scripture. Say the verse together as you sit down at the table for dinner.. As I said, challenge them to participate and in turn, we will be challenged as well.*

*As we read Isaiah's passage today, I firmly believe in what it is saying. As we see how God continues to take care of His creation, we are witness that God has a plan and a purpose for all things. God has provided for us a tool in hopes that we are able to take it in as the BREAD of LIFE and drink it as though it will provide within us a WELLSPRING of LIFE. In both instances I hope that you see that God has given us an amazing tool for raising our families and in doing so it is our job to help them understand the importance of CONSUMING it on a daily basis.*

*TODAY our Journey begins for 40 Days of preparation for what the next stage of our journey will be in Phase 2. 40 DAYS was the amount that Jesus prepared in the wilderness as He was trying to begin God's next stage for His life...Doesn't really sound like a bad idea to me. I pray that you will join us on this preparation stage of this journey. The commitment will continue to get a little harder with each phase, but I promise if you let God take control and receive His word each day, it will not return empty but will accomplish the purpose for why God has directed us all to this point. Buckle up... It's going to be an AWESOME ride! AMEN*

***Today's Memory Verse:***

*For God so loved, the world that He gave His only begotten SON, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 KJV*

*\*DISCLAIMER: Sorry all of the cards I could find were in King James Version. Please feel free to use your version. Started you off with an easy one.*

***Today's Scripture:***

10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.