Special Needs Homeschooling Parents

# BIBLICAL ENCOURGEMENT



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## WHY ENCOURAGEMENT?

Meaning "...to fill with courage or strength of purpose." Merriam-Webster Purpose "...Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled." Romans 15:4 NLT



# PURPOSE WORTH THE WAIT

All else is sinking sand



"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash." <u>Matthew 7:24-27 NLT</u>



## ROCK OR SAND?

Where is your homeschooling purpose placed?

#### Curriculum?

Finding the right curriculum will cause me homeschool successfully.

#### Therapy?

Getting my student in the right therapy will ensure he will learn.

#### Diagnosis?

Figuring out my child's diagnosis is necessary to teach them effectively.

#### Program?

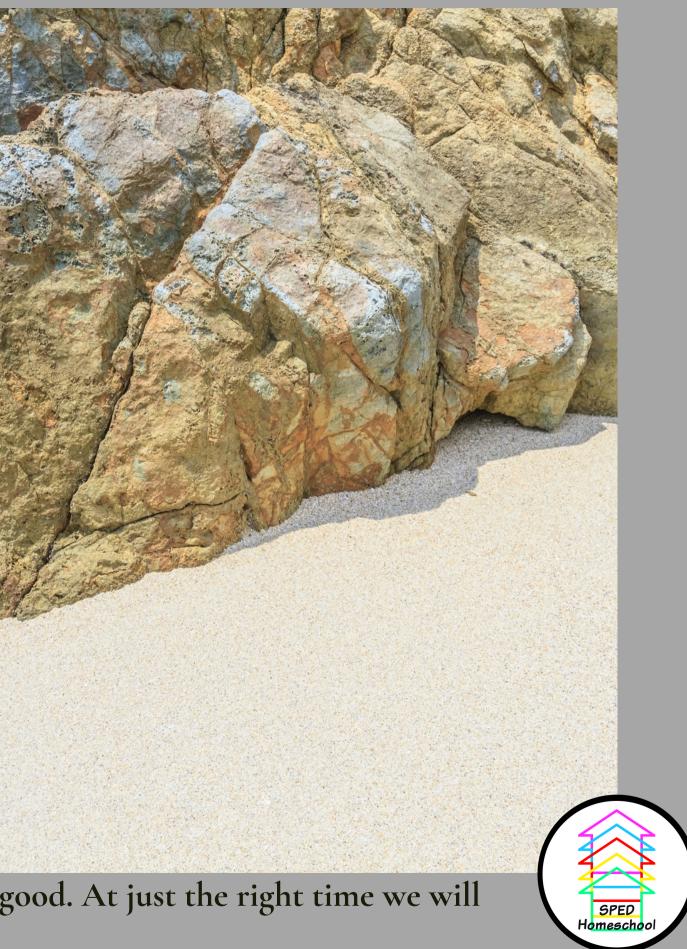
Enrollment in this program will help my student overcome their struggles.

#### Hard Work?

Spending more time on this subject will catch my child up to their peers.

#### Faith in God promises fulfilled?

"You will always harvest what you plant...So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Galatians 6: 7& 9





FOR GOD'S PURPOSES

> 1. Trust in God's Wisdom 2. Believe in God's Sovereignty 3. See Setbacks as God's Tools 4. Rely on God's Support Network

# FOUR STEPS FOR WAITING IN FAITH



## HOW TO TRUST IN GOD'S WISDOM

You have access to perfect wisdom and knowledge for all God has called you to do because He intends to supply it to you.



### **Stop Controlling**

"Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the [<u>b</u>]nations, I will be exalted in the earth."Psalm 46:10 NASB



#### Release Your Worries

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." 1 Peter 5:6-7 NLT



#### Worship in the Wait

"Praise the Lord! How good to sing praises to our God! How delightful and how fitting!..Sing out your thanks to the Lord...the Lord's delight is in those who fear him, those who put their hope in his unfailing love." Psalm 147: 1, 7, & 11

# HOW TO BELIEVE IN GOD'S Sovereignty

Everything you do, don't do, or mess up, God will turn out good in the end and perfect for His purposes.











## Trust God for Direction

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT



## Hold Tight to Hope

"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise." Romans 15:23 NLT

## Live Joyfully & Grow

"...when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow." James 1:2-3 NLT

## SEE SETBACKS AS GOD'S TOOLS

Every setback, accident, failure, or tribulation is not for the ruin of your homeschool but a tool for God to work out something that couldn't be worked out any other way.



#### Unbox God's Peace

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27 NLT



#### Don't Rely on Evidence

"Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see." Hebrews 11:1 NLT



#### Victory is in Jesus

"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NLT



## RELY ON GOD'S SUPPORT NETWORK

God has your back and also has friends ready and waiting to connect with you and support you in your homeschooling efforts.



"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT





#### Stand Firm & Motivate Others

"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works" Hebrews 10:23-24 NLT



## Stay in God's Will

## Live Connected in Love

"...clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you... Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." Colossians 3:12-14 NLT

# QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR NEXT STEPS

- 1. How can you incorporate prayer and seeking God's wisdom into your daily homeschooling routine to ensure you are aligning with His plans rather than solely relying on educational resources?
- 2. In what ways can you remind yourself and your children that setbacks and challenges are opportunities for God to work out His perfect plans, rather than viewing them as failures or obstacles?
- 3. Who are the supportive friends or community members you can connect with to create a strong support network, and how can you actively involve them in your homeschooling journey to ensure you're not relying solely on programs and therapies?



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