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Born Again Through Christ

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Have you ever thought about how faith looks in your family? What do you and your family do to project faith in your everyday life? Faith is an important aspect when it comes to being a Christian as it helps us trust and rely on God's actions. In my family, faith is shown through three ways: worshipping God, reading the Bible, and following God's words.

The first way faith is shown in my family's life is worshipping God. In the mornings, my family gets together and pray. Praying allows us to communicate with God and to give thanks to Him for allowing us to live another day and ask him to keep us safe. My family believes by doing this we can have assurance that God is with us throughout the whole day. Before any meal, we always get together and pray to God asking Him to bless our food. We are not required to do this but my family wants to show God how grateful we are to have food everyday to keep us alive. Aside from praying, there are many other things my family does to worship God. We also go to church. Church is a place where Christians can gather and have fellowship together. It is also a place to worship God. Every Sunday, my family goes to church. My parents go to the main service which is in Korean because they can understand Korean better than English. I go to the highschool ministry and my brother goes to the children's ministry. My parents learn about God in their service and after the service is over, they attend a group of Korean people to have fellowship and talk about their relationship with God. In my ministry, I learn about the book of Psalms with other highschoolers. After that, I attend the second service for adults because the church I attend does not have an actual pastor for highschoolers. In the main service, one of the ways I worship God is by singing to praise Him. My brother on the other hand attends the children's ministry. In his ministry he learns the basics about the bible and learns many worship songs. Besides church, my family also goes to bible study. My parents meet up with an elder

couple from our church once a month and study the book of Exodus. I am extremely grateful that God opened up an opportunity especially for my dad because he was able to know God a lot better which led to him being saved. I attend a bible study every Monday. I am currently studying the book of Matthew. Through this Bible study, I realized how to get a better relationship with God allowing me to place my faith in Him. My brother is a little young to be attending any bible studies currently but me and my family pray that God will pave a path so my brother can go to the right bible study He intends on. Therefore, the first aspect of showing faith in my family is by worshiping God.

The second way faith is shown in my family's life is reading the Bible. The bible is God's word. The bible serves as a starting point for guidance of our faith. Every morning, before our day starts, my family reads the bible. This helps us keep God's word in our head throughout the day so our actions can please God and set an example for others. Before my dad became saved, he never touched the bible. But my mom convinced my dad to join a bible study their friend was hosting. The bible study leader decided to study the book of Ephesians. The moment my dad read Ephesians 5:25-30 which states, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church for we are members of his body." his view as a husband changed. He was excited when he read verse 25 because it states that wives must obey their husbands. But after reading 28 he was able to become a better version of himself. He realized that in order for a wife to obey their husband the husband must also show

their wife love. Now, by the grace of God, my dad enjoys learning about God and his word and is a faithful husband. Consequently, the second aspect of showing faith in my family is by reading the bible.

The final way faith is shown in my family's life is following God's words. With worshiping God and reading the bible, the most important thing is to follow God's word. One of the ways is by trusting His words. God's words can be commandments, testimonies, laws, etc. By studying God's word, we can gain more knowledge and become fruitful. With this knowledge, we can use scripture to help us during hard times. There are many verses for various situations, for example, Proverbs 3: 5-6 states, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." This verse can be used when you are questioning your faith. This verse gives me assurance that my faith is in God all the time. When my family feels apart from God, we always think of Philippians 4:6-7 which states, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." To us this verse explains to us that no matter what the circumstances are God will always be with you and will listen to your requests. Also, God instructed us in Matthew 28:18-20 saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." I've found it pretty rewarding to share the good news with other non-believing family members. Sharing the gospel is not just spreading the word of God and telling others how Jesus is coming to save us. It's not even forcing Christianity on others. But, it instead allows them to understand who God is and

hand them over to the Holy Spirit where their hearts can change at God's timing. In the end the final aspect of showing faith in my family is by following God's word.

Now you know what faith looks like and how it runs in my family. The three ways faith is shown through in my family was: worshiping God, reading the Bible, and following God's words.