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“How Faith and God is Shown Through My Life ”

Growing up hearing about God and pretty much growing up in the church, I have seen my family's faith in him grow stronger and I have seen God's everlasting love for us throughout my life. Everyday, I know God is moving in my life. Sometimes it may be the tiniest thing, but it is evident that God is always watching over me and my family. Faith and God is shown through my family and my life every day.

As a child, I have seen my parents' strong faith in God daily. I remember being in the third grade and seeing my parents wake up bright and early at 5 am almost every day to go to morning prayer. This was only one aspect of their life that showcased their faith to me. As I got older both my faith and their faith in God got stronger. Oftentimes as a family, we spend time worshiping and reading the bible together. My dad plays the guitar while we search up the lyrics to our favorite christian song on TV so we can all sing along and worship God together. After this, we spend time reading the word of God together as a family. In this way, our fellowship and love for each other grows as we also grow our faith with God. It is such a blessing to be able to worship God with my family.

I am really able to see an example of what strong faith in God looks like as I watch my parents. They show me what it really means to believe and be utterly in love with God. My parents are the most selfless and caring people I have ever met in my life. Countless times I have seen my father evangelizing to homeless people on the streets and giving them our blankets to shield them from the winter cold. They are unashamed and want to spread God's word to literally everyone they meet. I can feel their faith in God radiating through their actions. Not only this, but I know my parents have a strong faith in God because of the way they nurture and love me and my three sisters. Although we may be very difficult and annoying sometimes, they still love us with everything they have.

I think that God's love is probably most similar to a parent's love for their child, but 100 times more powerful. Knowing how much my parents love me, I can't even imagine the love God has for us. However, it is very evident that his love for us is forever and every day. There are so many factors of my life showcased through my family that reveal God is in my life.

The fact that my parents and my sisters are all healthy is a very big blessing in my life and it shows that God is so consistent and moves in ways I might not even be knowing. God is always taking care of me and my family. Recently, I feel like this has really been shown. God works in miracles and has

opened up paths for me. I truly believe that I will be able to accomplish my dream of becoming a nurse because God is in my life.

Furthermore, because my dad is a pastor, I feel like I can truly see God and his love and mercy in our family. I always think and thank God for taking care of my family and allowing my parents to provide me and my sisters the best life after moving to America. My parents, not even being fluent in English, were able to provide such a good life and environment to my sisters and I, which I know is all possible through God. Through the tiniest to the largest aspects of my life, God is always present and working behind the scenes.

I think when something huge happens, such as being accepted into college, it is easy to thank God and remember that he is in our lives. However, I want to remind myself that he is always in my life 24/7. An easy way for me to recognize and honor God's presence in my life is to find reasons to be grateful. My family and I always try to thank God for even the tiniest blessings that happen in our lives. If I get a good grade on my test at school, I thank God. If my mom makes me a delicious meal, I thank God. If I finish my homework early, I thank God. I feel like it is important to remember that God is moving even through the tiniest aspects of our lives.

My dad also always reinforces the idea of being thankful to God and reminds us who we have to be thankful towards. For instance, if my dad buys my family a meal and we say "thank you dad!" he always says "who should we really be giving thanks to?". Because of this, I feel like it keeps my whole family accountable and gives us a simple reminder that God is in our lives. I am thankful that my parents know and love God so they have raised us to love God as well.

Everyday, I see God's grace and love for my family. I hope that my faith in God as well as my family's faith in God will only grow stronger day by day. God is always constantly moving through each and every one of our lives. I am thankful God is such a loving, caring, and everlasting God. My family's faith in God motivates my faith in God to grow stronger. I am thankful for God placing me with my family and giving me the best gift of life: my family and being able to love God with them.