

# **As for me and my Family**

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### **Handle with Care Ministries**

#### **Joshua 24:15b**

**But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.**

The bible verse from Joshua 24:15 is more than just some nice saying on a plaque for our wall, it is a declaration to follow God's instructions in righteousness and to teach children about the one true God we serve as we go about our daily lives. It's not about rigid rules to follow but rather biblical truths and foundations of faith full of grace and mercy. Come discover how to write a declaration over your family using God's word and key elements of Authentic Faith, Genuine Relationships and Real Conversations.

**Deuteronomy 11:1-7** – Speaking to the parent

**Deuteronomy 11: 18-20** – What to teach the kids

It is very clear that the Lord wants us parents to pass along our faith stories and experiences to the children.

### **Authentic Faith**

#### **1 Peter 1:7**

These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

What is your faith story?

#### [Christian Pumpkin](#)

**First ask yourself this question then you can ask the kids.**

How are you living out your faith authentically?

### **Declaration:**

**As for me and my family: We will live out our faith authentically.**

## **Genuine Relationships**

Ephesians 4:2-3 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Galatians 6:2 Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

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How can you establish genuine relationships?

**Declaration:**

**As for me and my family: We will show genuine concern and care for one another.**

## **Real Conversations**

1 Corinthians 2:13

When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths.

Romans 2:4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind; tolerant and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

James 5:16 If we confess our sins to one another, pray with one another we will be healed.

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What real conversations do you need to have with family?

**Declaration:**

**As for me and my family: We will have courageous and real conversations.**

## Action Step

1. Find 30 minutes to spend some time reflecting on your own faith story. Use these 5 points to help you write out how you came to know Jesus as your personal Savior. Write down key words that will help you tell your story rather than “read” your story.
  - When: How old were you when you gave your life to Jesus Christ?
  - Where: Where were you? (home, church, camp?)
  - Who: Who was with you? (mom, dad, sibling, friend, relative)
  - Why: Can you tell us why you decided to follow Jesus? (example answer: I realized that I was a sinner and needed a Savior)
  - What: What is one thing that is different in your life now that you have received Jesus?
2. Schedule a date for telling your faith story to the kids. Allow enough time for discussion and opportunity for others to tell their faith story.
3. Use the “As for me and my Family” pdf to talk to the kids about what it looks like for you to have Authentic Faith; Genuine Relationships and Real Conversations in your church family and in their own homes.
4. Find a song to play over the kids as a blessing or declaration. Suggestions are in the links below.
5. Send this action step and PDF to your kid’s parents and ask them to share their faith story with their children at home and write a declaration for their family.

## Resource links:

Focus on the Family – [Decoding how to talk to your Children](#)

Song – [Talking to Jesus](#) - Elevation Worship

Song - [Benediction](#) – Charity Gayle

Song – [As for me and my House](#) – The Collingsworth Family

Song – [Today \(As for me and my house\)](#) – Brian Doerksen