

## **Day 23 Go! For Real!**

**Time's up!**

**This is the last day of our countdown. For many of us, it's the Sabbath.**

**We've worked for the last three weeks (give yourself a pat on the back!) at preparing for this year of educating our children at home. We've determined where we are, where we want to be, and made a plan for how to get there. We've planned subject by subject what needs to be done and made out a schedule for the year. We've even set some goals for ourselves. We've defined WHY we are homeschooling in the first place. We've done some housework and prepared our environment for the upcoming year.**

**I do want to suggest that you not PLUNGE in on Monday morning with guns blazing! I plan to do a very modified schedule this week. We may just do history all together and then maybe some handwriting and science, and then do math, grammar and art the next day. Just take it easy and enjoy yourself! Make this a fun week as much as possible; focus on getting in the groove of waking up on time, not spending the day with the tv on, and getting the feel of your books for now. Next week you can be full throttle!**

**Today is the day to focus on our hearts.**

**Give this year to the Lord, mom! You've been faithful to prepare, and you'll be faithful to follow through. But you'll only do so with the help of the Lord. You need His strength and grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to make it through this year. Your children need to see you relying on Him, because that is the most powerful thing we can teach them--the thing we MUST teach them. We will only know we've succeeded this year if we've made it to the end and we can see that we've grown closer to each other and to God.**

**We must keep in mind that our goal is not to raise kids who are outwardly obedient to our every word, or who get great scholarships to college, or dominate on the soccer field, or worship beautifully at church. Our goal is to raise children who know God and love Him because they've seen an example of that in us. We've got to focus on the relationships in our home if we want them to grow. May we all succeed this year at \*that\* goal!**