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Our Faith Like a Child

Have you ever thought of why Jesus used a child as the example of the type of person one needs to be in order to enter the kingdom of God? Jesus said in Luke. 18:16-17 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein. In the Passion Translation Bible, it reads like this;

Luke 18:16-17 But Jesus called for the parents, the children, and his disciples to come and listen to him. Then he told them, "Never hinder a child from coming to me. Let them all come, for God's kingdom realm belongs to them as much as it does to anyone else. They demonstrate to you what faith is all about. Learn this well: unless you receive the revelation of the kingdom realm the same way a little child receives it, you will never be able to enter in."

A small child has a sense of unconditional trust in what his or her parents tell him to do. Take for instance those days when you were just learning how to swim and you heard your mom or dad say, Jump, I'll catch you. And with your child-like faith you simply jumped! As your confidence and faith grew stronger, you took on greater challenges. I believe that this is how our Heavenly Father wants us to approach Him and His Word.

I will dare to say that if we are honest with ourselves that something has happened during our growing up years as a Christian and we began to depend upon our own know how, our own intelligence and our own problem solving abilities. Slowly we left our state of faith, confidence and dependency on God and shifted it all to the worlds way of living and dealing with daily trials and tribulations. This is certainly not what our Lord God wanted us to do.

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1 Corinthians 1:27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

The Bible tells us that it pleases God when we use what the world considers weak, foolish, abase and despised to bring to nothing things which are mighty. "What is that you have in your hand God once asked Moses. Moses' reply was a rod, and with that rod, he performed miracles and confounded the might of Pharaoh. "Five loaves and two fish," a little boy said. And with that little boy's lunch, Jesus fed 5,000 men, and his disciples gathered 12 baskets full of leftovers. "The jawbone of an ass," Samson said. With that, he slew a thousand Philistines. "Five stones and a sling," said David the shepherd boy. And with one of his stones and the sling, he brought down Goliath, the mighty Philistine champion. What happened to our "childlike faith" that believes what our Heavenly Father is telling us to do?

Luke 18:17 Verily I say unto you, **Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.**

What is this "kingdom of God"? According to Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but **righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.** The kingdom is not so much about a physical place with a someday yonder mentality as it is about experiencing an inner deep-seated sense of righteousness, peace and joy inspired by Holy

Ghost in the here and now. It is your "joy" in the Holy Ghost (John 14:27) for the joy of the LORD is your strength (Neh. 8:10).

As children of God, we already have an inner access to His blessings. These are not blessings that we have to work for, because the kingdom of God that Jesus spoke of is within us. Luke 17:20-21 The kingdom of God cometh not with observation. vs 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! **for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**

God is asking us the same question that He asked those that came before us. What is in your hand? In this day and age that we are living in where the world's system is so fiercely vying for our attention, can we not stop and exercise the same childlike faith in the words that our Father is speaking to us that our predecessors did?

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Thanks for making it possible for us to do what we do.

We love you!

God Bless You!
Your friends,
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