

My God Is For Me

Like a Child Series -1

Mark 10:13-16

Mark 10:15 *I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."*

Jesus isn't telling us to be childish—childlike!
Attributes of God from the perspective of a child.

- 1) **MY GOD IS FOR ME.** (Goodness)
- 2) **MY GOD IS WITH ME.** (Presence)
- 3) **MY GOD FORGIVES ME.** (Grace)
- 4) **MY GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.** (Power)

Goodness: As a child—I believed God was for me! Loves me. For me.
Jesus loves the little children... Jesus loves me this I know.

Something happens: Parents divorce, dog hit, grandma dies
Longer you live—longer the list grows.

Sometimes setbacks are setup for what God wants to do.

v.13- we don't know where this took place. But notice it takes place after a conversation about the sanctity of marriage.
“Young children could be up to the age of 12. To take the time to do this was ‘below’ Jesus in their eyes?”

Never get into REAL ministry.

v.14- When Jesus saw what was happening He was deeply distressed and displeased. The verb "indignant" is the compound of "much" and "grieve, anguish." It includes the ideas of both grief and indignation, denoting great pain of mind. The Lord was "greatly pained." The disciples had not learned the lesson of humility.

Don't ever hinder... The disciples may have literally blocked the little children from coming to Jesus. Jesus' command now permitted the children to run to Jesus. To exclude children is to exclude those who are most suited for the Kingdom.

To exclude children is to exclude those who are most suited for the Kingdom. True members of the Kingdom, like little children, have a spirit of trustfulness and dependency. "Such" may refer either specifically to children or to those resembling children in their childlike qualities. Perhaps the Lord had reference both to children and those who had admirable childlike characteristics.

Paul wrote that the believer is to be childlike, not in understanding, but in evil (1 Corinthians 14:20).

v. 15- To enter the Kingdom one must become as a little child, not in the sense of innocency, but in the sense of simple unquestioning trustfulness... a universal truth.

The term "receive" indicates that salvation is a gift, it cannot be earned. No amount of merit or claim will fit one for entering the Kingdom.

One must acknowledge that he is small, weak, and helpless. Greatness, achievement, and independence must all be abandoned when becoming a member of God's kingdom

v. 16- Luke notes that "Jesus called them unto him." ... hand on the head of the child and blessed them... an act to ask God's blessing on them.

The "touch" goes beyond their request. A tangible way to reiterate His teaching on true discipleship and a visible means to rebuke the attitude of the disciples. He shows that the blessings of the Kingdom are free and available to those who come to Him in simple faith.

What does this mean ... if you taking notes...

MY GOD IS FOR ME

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jer 29:11

...If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Rom 8:31-32

3 THINGS I WILL REALIZE WHEN I UNDERSTAND THAT GOD IS FOR ME...

#1: I DON'T HIDE FROM GOD BUT RUN TO GOD.

Where are you?

(Adam) answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." Gen 3:10

Children eating chocolate cookies when not supposed to...

Missionaries

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. Prov 18:10

#2: I DON'T LIVE FOR GOD'S APPROVAL BUT FROM HIS APPROVAL.

8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom 5:8

Playing basketball

#3: I DON'T FEAR WHAT HAPPENS TO ME BECAUSE I KNOW GOD IS WORKING IN ME.

*28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
Rom 8:28*

*For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.
Phil 2:13*

Rejected or frustrations (seeming failures) —If God is for you—who can be against you.

When God is working for you you don't have to worry about what is going to happen to you because He is working in you so that He can work through you!

God was for me in my yesterdays I'll trust him with my tomorrows.

Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.
Psalm 66:16

Self-centered, sinful—forgave me of all my sins!
Blessed me with wife and 3 kids!
Opened door for me to serve him as a pastor/teacher!
Used my past—relate to people!
Changed my heart and attitude!

Conclusion:

I LIVE WITH OVERFLOWING APPRECIATION.

Psalm 66:16 *Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.*

What you go through isn't as important as who you belong to.