

CHILDLIKE FAITH

Babies are excellent examples of what faith looks like. The other day I was holding our little guy, and he joyfully arched his back and twisted his body. It was clear that he had complete faith that I would hold onto him. It never ceases to amaze me that when you hold a child, they trust you not to drop them. When you throw a child up into the air, they generally squeal with glee because they know you will catch them. What amazing faith!

Jesus acknowledged this type of faith in children as he held one in his arms:

Matthew 18

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Abraham was a great example of this kind of faith.

Hebrews 11

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Challenging things lie before us. God commands us to also go out in faith. Likewise, he asks us to let go of our most important things to trust in him. While it is a leap into the unknown, the outcomes are certain. However, because of our humanity, we cannot see that far just yet. The Lord is holding us and throwing us up into the air above him. He promises to hold onto us and always to catch us. In that, we can place 100% trust. The challenge for us is: Will we joyfully rely on him?

Keep Studying,

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