

To Be Like a Child

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And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:2-3)

I remember the days when I used to sit on my father's lap, and he would tell me stories in the bible. Those stories always filled me with awe and wonder. I would imagine the giant ark full of Noah's family and all the animals, and picture what the first rainbow must have looked like.

I felt for David as he faced Goliath, waiting to see how God would pull him through. And, as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood in the flames unharmed, I breathed a sigh of relief and wanted to have faith just as strong when I grew up.

As each story unfolded my faith grew, and my love for God multiplied.

Then somewhere along the way the stories lost their magic. Satan had found a way into my heart and the world took its hold on me.

After all that life has brought me, I find myself longing for that childlike innocence again. And more than that, I wish that my son could remain a child as long as possible. Too often do I find myself saying I wish time would hurry up, when will I get through this day at work, or I find myself wishing the next bill would pay itself.

These things are of the world and God tells us not to worry, to put things in his hands. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (Matthew 6:34)

How long has it been since you stepped outside and just admired God's beauty around you? Be as a child, grab your favorite drink or snack, and curl up with your favorite blanket, and read the old stories.

The bible is full of acts of faith, adventure, drama, romance, and so on. Let's step away, if only for a moment, and live in wonder of God again. Step away from the phone and TV, and let's sit around and tell stories of God's love to our families and our spiritual families in Christ.

Our God is amazing, and his wonderful works are everywhere. As the song says, let's tell the old, old story of Jesus, and his love. END