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KIDS say the darndest things! It is funny to listen to what comes out of the mouth of KIDS. They are brutally honest. I'm Ken Trahan & Welcome to Walking in the Word with Williams Blvd. Baptist Church.

KIDS are a breath of fresh air. They will always speak their minds. You may not always like what they have to say but it is genuine, not calculated or with pretense. KIDS will always let you know how they feel. Here are some recent letters to God from KIDS. The sincerity is obvious. They are heartfelt. Perhaps we can take a lesson from them with regard to our own prayer:

"Dear God—instead of letting people die & having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you got now?" Jane. "Dear God—I went to this wedding & they kissed right in church. Is that okay?" Neil. "Dear God—I think about you sometimes even I'm not praying." Elliot.

"Dear God—I am American. What are you?" Robert. "Dear God—thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy." Joyce. "Dear God—I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only four people in our family & I can never do it." Nan.

"Dear God—I would like to live 900 years like guy in the Bible." Love, Chris. "Dear God—If you give me a genie lamp like Aladdin, I will give you anything you want except my money or my chess set." Raphael. "Dear God—We read in school that Edison made light. But in Sunday School, they said you did it. So I bet he stole your idea." Sincerely, Donna.

"Dear God—Please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year." Peter. "Dear God—Maybe Cain & Abel would not kill each other if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother." Larry. "Dear God—Please put another holiday between Christmas & Easter. There's nothing good in there now." Ginny.

"Dear God—If you watch in church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes." Mickey D. "Dear God—if we come back as something, please don't let me be Jennifer Horton." Denise.

You've got to love KIDS! They speak their minds. A child depends on his or her parents for needs, for authority. God is authority. We must learn to depend on our Heavenly Father as a child depends on parents.

KIDS see things quite differently than adults do. Though they have vivid imaginations, they see black & white when it comes to matters of yes & no. Jesus calls on us to have trust in Him as a child does, to have the heart of a child. KIDS are innocent, free-spirited, generally happy & easily excitable. Adults are guilty, sometimes mean-spirited, frequently unhappy & sometimes grumpy.

A faith that is child-like is a faith that understands & recognizes that it is not about our ability or strength. It's about God's ability & strength, Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." KIDS get it. They are real. We must have faith like a child. In Matthew 18:1-4, the disciples come to Jesus, saying, "who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"

Then, Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, & said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted & become as little children, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.'

In Matthew 19:13-14, Jesus blesses little children: "Little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them & pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, 'let the little children come to Me & do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. He laid His hands on them & departed.'

In Mark 9:14-27, Jesus heals a boy who had a mute spirit. The child's father had brought him to Jesus, asking for a healing, pleading with Jesus to help his unbelief. The man was honest. He displayed the faith of a child. His child was healed.

I love the song by "LIKE A CHILD" by Jars of Clay. It is a prayer for God to strengthen the petitioner, an honest confession of weakness. When we are weak, He is strong. As the song concludes, God will heal if we follow & believe with faith like a child. Kids say the darndest things, speaking truth. Perhaps we can be honest with ourselves & with God by learning from our KIDS. It's good advice!

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