

I'm Just... Part 2: I'm Just a Kid

Objective: To challenge us to have childlike faith and focus.

Read together:

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. 3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:2-3

"Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

"Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

I Samuel 17:32, 34-37, 45-47

- When you think of having childlike faith, what comes to mind? Why do you believe children are so much more trusting than adults? Can you learn anything from them?
- Most of us are so distracted by everything going on around us (work, church, family events, social media, streaming services, etc.). How has our distracted and distracting society impacted your ability to focus?
- When you are facing a significant difficulty or challenge what do you tend to focus on? Do you tend to focus on the size of the problem or the size of your God?
- If you could (or chose to) focus more fully on God and less on your challenges, how would that change the way you interact with others?
- Jesus said, "*unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven*" (Matthew 18:3). In what ways do you need to become more like a little child? How do you think that would impact the way you navigate your daily life?

Final Thought: God wants to do more through you and for you than you can even imagine. If you will have a childlike faith in him, He will amaze you with what he does. In what area of your life do you have a childlike faith and focus?

