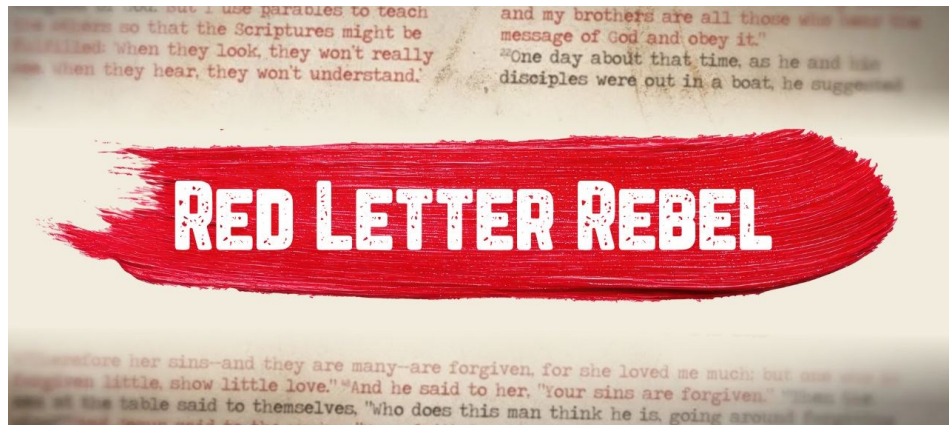




May 31st 2026 "Childlike Faith"

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD

Luke 2:27-35

Jesus didn't just tolerate children; He treasured them and calls us to do the same...to fiercely protect, disciple, and welcome them.

Matthew 18:4–6, Mark 10:13–16, Mark 3:5, John 11:33

-Jesus teaches us:

1. Children are not interruptions. Matthew 21:15-16

If children feel like an interruption to your life or your ministry, your heart is out of sync with Jesus'.

2. Children have an open invitation.

-We see two commands in Mark 10:14 concerning children.

1. Let them come. 2. Don't stop them.

If children in our homes and in our church grow up believing God is distant, uninterested, or angry, we have misrepresented Jesus to them.

3. Children show us what faith looks like.

-Childlike faith is:

- **Trusting dependence.** A child doesn't negotiate; they rely upon.
- **Humility.** Children are not trying to impress God with their résumés.
- **Teachability.** Kids ask questions, they absorb, they mimic.

*Our culture glorifies **in**dependence. Jesus glorifies **de**pendence on Him.*

-By welcoming a **child** on His behalf equals welcoming **Jesus** Himself.

Psalms 127:3

Challenge: Am I opening the way for children to come to Jesus, or am I unintentionally getting in the way?