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Matthew 18:1-4, Romans 8:14-17

DEPENDENCE

Requires a _____ of ourselves and of God.

Comes from discovering God's love for you:

- In the _____ He sets
- In the _____ and _____ He gives
- In His desire for _____
- In His desire to adopt you into His _____ and _____
- In His desire to _____ with you and to have you _____ with Him in eternity.

JOY

Joy in God comes from a _____ of Him and a realization of the desirability of life with God.

_____ stands in contrast to seeing God as an inconvenient obstacle, a burden or a source of shame, guilt or dread.

We _____ in God when we align ourselves with God, surrender our lives to His authority and take the humble, confident position of adopted children.

There is _____ in knowing God walks with you always.

SOME OBSTACLES

Making our relationship with God about outcomes and material priorities. Thinking of God transactionally.

Making your relationship with God about fearing Hell, instead of enjoying God.

PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS

Grow in your _____ of God and His character

Grow in _____fulness

Practice remembering and _____ in your thoughts and decisions

CLOSING PRAYER: Ephesians 1:17-19

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Matthew 18:1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

² 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. ⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Philippians 3:8-14

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:1-2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

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