

What Little Kids Know that Adults Do Not

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Good morning! What a reminder this season has been, not to take for granted when we come together to worship. There's a unique dynamic that takes place. The Bible says, "God inhabits the praises of his people." And that we get to worship together as families. Kids in the house! **"Summer is Here!"**

Today is Pentecost

This day in history the Holy Spirit began his great outpouring that continues to the present moment! I want to start by looking at the same prophet that Simon Peter quoted from.

Kid's Assignment: Draw a picture of the Holy Spirit pouring out on his people!

Slide: Kids' pictures



This morning I've intentionally asked three very special friends from our kids' ministry to read our scriptures for us.

Joel 2

**"And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.**

What does Joel say your sons and daughters will do?

What is prophecy? A: It's the Spirit of the Creator partnering with his creatives to speak heaven's reality into earth's reality!

Creatives

We are all creatives! Even those of you that only open a box of macaroni & cheese and follow the instructions.

- Every choice you make is exerting your will on the earth.
- Every word you speak is broadcasting what's in your heart into the public domain.

[Life and death are in the power of the tongue.](#) Your conversations, stories, prayers, meetings are conforming dimensions of your reality with what's in your heart.

[Old men will dream dreams](#)

We're projecting something new into the earth!

The Spirit of God wants to project into the future.

[Behold I do a new thing! Do you not perceive it?](#)

- God is a creative God. He always hovers over chaotic waters and brings dynamic order.
- This is a creative season. Seasons of disruption are seasons of creativity.
- And he wants a people who are projecting new things into the earth.

Don't get fixated on what you've lost and what's been taken away from you. Income, health, politics, relationships.

God is saying, keep your eyes on me. If you can see it, you can say...

[Give us today our daily bread.](#) What new thing, new solution do you want to cook up today?

Story of Police Officer: (we're close friends of people that know him well)

Two days before Christmas he got dispatched to an accident on an icy road. He stepped out of his cruiser, slipped on black ice and woke in the hospital with the nurses putting a feeding tube down his throat.

He needed emergency surgery on his C4 & C5 vertebrae. He couldn't walk. Couldn't feed himself. Couldn't swallow. So much pain—all drugged up. Month in hospital. 5 months in a wheelchair. One year into his injury he started losing all function on the left side of body. The fear and anxiety were enormous. Raging doubts, "God, how could you let this happen to me?"

Ten and a half years go by. His wife, never losing hope, keeps getting this person and that person to pray for him. He was just tired. Tired of carrying around half body in pain, of not being able to get out of bed. People worry about him.

In August 2019 they attended a healing conference just forty miles from here. On the drive to the conference, there was a voice in his head that kept saying, "Take It!" He got through the first night. Nothing. Second night, there were words for anything and everything. But no word for him.

Discouragement set in. It seemed like God had passed him by. The pastor finished by saying, "if there is anything we didn't mention, come forward, and the student ministries will pray for you." Holy Spirit said, "Get Up."

Student Julia, young girl from Syracuse NY, asked how she could pray for him. The student put her hand on his chest. He said, “you don’t need to put your hand on my chest...on my neck.” As she started to pray, he started to feel heat on his neck. Then the lights went out. After waking up there was a group praying for him. She asked what he was feeling, and he said, “peace.” She asked if he was able to move anything. He looked at his hand and started to move it.

He said, “I’m taking that brace off.” For the first time in 10 years he walked without a brace.

A guy came up to Brian the next day and said, “I was standing behind you.”

The girl said to him, “I think you’re going to need to catch him (Brian).” He said to himself, “I don’t think I can catch him because my shoulder’s bad. That’s why I’m getting prayed for.” She repeated it. He said, “As Brian started to fall, I put my arms out and my shoulder was healed.”

My second special guest is...she’s going to read

Luke 18:15-17

¹⁵ People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs (is as such) to such as these. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not **receive** the kingdom of God like a **little child** will never **enter** it.”

- **Background:** People wanted the prophet to bless their children. It’s like Child Dedication. It was a beautiful thing. The disciples interfere because they’re children. Because the children eat all the chips out of your pantry and drink all your chocolate milk and put nothing back. The disciples are thinking, they are a drag on his ministry. The disciples need more important people who are going to build orphanages and plant churches in El Salvador.
- V. 16 “**Kingdom of God is as such**” – like a child.
- V.17 “**Receive...**” = has a hospitality dimension to it—accommodating...make space for it...
- In this passage Jesus is not saying, you need to become like a child...
- He’s saying...the opportunities for God’s kingdom come to you looking like people you’d least expect it...dressed in the circumstances you’re least ready for...with all of the magnificent potential of an undeveloped child...
- Don’t ever grow too old, too smart, too rigid, too religion, too stuck, too proud that you can’t start all over again, that you can’t learn from the smallest people, you can’t make extravagant mistakes in the process of learning a whole new domain, and reinvent yourself, and go new places, and call new spiritual realities into earthly realities.

We’re living in the age of impossible. When the Creator partners with creatives they can invent solutions and technologies and resources in marketing, in the entertainment industry, in fashion, in digital space, in science.

Matthew 18:1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 He called a little child and had him stand among them. 3 And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you **change** (turn/convert) and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.

- The disciples, they keep growing old in their thinking. Kids don't grow old
- They keep eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil--It's about what I can produce, perform, plan, perfect, and provide.
- How do you keep from growing old? Eat from the tree of life!
- **Wait on the Lord and he will renew your strength.**
- Jesus said, **Unless you get your thinking turned around...and become like a child (who depends on Mom and Dad for everything...)**
- What does a child know that adults do not? "I can't get there myself, I need Mom or Dad to help me."
- *"Could it be that what we've been striving to build, we could have had all along if we'd just come like little children?"*
- *"Could it be that we're in a season where you won't get where you need to go by doing everything you know how to do?"*
- It takes childlike trust that the Father will get us there (I don't know. I can't.)
- I'm not talking about a passivity--sitting on your hands and do nothing. I'm talking creatives who have a dynamic faith to wait on the Creator and say where are you creating, and how I can partner.