

## The Tale of 2 Kingdoms 5 – Receiving it Like a Child 2

### **Matthew 6:33**

<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Why is this study of the Kingdom of God important?

1. How can we make something a priority in our life if we don't know about it? (**Hosea 4:6**)
2. Many believers in Christ do not experience the Kingdom Life that is described in the Bible even though it is what Jesus talked about and promised more than anything (**several scriptures especially Acts 1:3**)
3. This Kingdom Life is a socio-economic system with principles that when followed bring a life of abundance (**John 10:10**)

Last week we began to explore what Jesus said about receiving it like a child. To receive something, one must be open to it, fully trusting the giver. Secondly, to receive something, one must receive it with joyous anticipation. Finally, once received, one should hold on to it with tenacity.

This week we are going to study receiving it as a child deeper. Let's look again at what Jesus said...

### **Mark 10:15**

<sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

We must have faith like a child does with a good parent if we are to ever receive the Kingdom of God

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The prevalent way God reveals Himself in the Bible is as Father. Jesus always referred to Him as the Father. In the Old Testament, God is only mentioned as Father 15 times. However, in the New Testament in which Jesus introduces us to the Kingdom of God, God is mentioned as Father 165 times in the Gospels, 45 times in the Pauline Letters, and 30 times in the other New Testament books written by Peter, James and John for a total of 240 times.

Why would God do this? If God is the Father, then we must be the who? The children.

God has given us this picture so we can see we are to trust and believe in Him like we did our parents when we were little.

When you needed something as a child, who did you run to?

When you were hurt as a child, who did you run to?

When you were scared as a child, who did you run to?

When you were a child, who couldn't you wait for to get home from work so you could spend some time with them?

God is our Father and if we are ever going to live and operate in this promised Kingdom, we need to run to Him with our needs, we need to run to Him when we are hurt, we need to run to Him when we are scared. We need to anxiously anticipate our time alone with Him.

We need to have faith in God like a child does a parent. Why? Because He is all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present. And He loves you more than you could ever love your children.

### **Matthew 7:11**

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

### **Luke 11:32**

<sup>32</sup> "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.