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Jesus Loves the Little Children

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READING: Matthew 18

Do you ever think about what Jesus said to children and what we could learn from them? As we read Matthew 18:1-9, Jesus tells us to be more like children as we walk with Him. No one is more trusting than a little child. Even without being taught, children learn to trust their parents, to believe what their parents say, to believe they are going to be fed and clothed and taken care of. Children also know they can run to their parents whenever they are in trouble. Following Jesus and learning to trust Him and have faith like a child is so important. Your Heavenly Father wants nothing more than for you to trust Him fully and whole-heartedly, remembering that He will always take care of you no matter what.

Then Jesus goes on to make one of the most frightening statements of His ministry. Jesus says, "but if anyone causes one of these little ones, who believe in me to sin, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea" (Matthew 18:6). Jesus never gave a more powerful warning than this one.

Jesus is saying that we should never be the reason that someone, especially a child, chooses to turn away from Jesus. Therefore, we must remain mindful that what we say, how we live, and how we treat others is always being observed. People are watching how we represent Christ much like a child watches their parents. We must live with a child-like faith that points others to Jesus because as the song says, "they are precious in His sight."

PRAYER: Lord, thank You for being such a loving, caring Heavenly Father. I pray that You will help us grow in our trust and faith in You and that our faith will become more child-like as we follow You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONADAY'S READING: Matthew 19

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