

The Faith of a Child

Scripture says that children are a blessing from God and that the man whose quiver is full of them is blessed. If you have children, you know the reality of that wonderful truth! As a pastor and father, I firmly believe that one of the many blessings of children is the consistent list of illustrative material they provide for helping us get to know who God is and how He works.

Not long ago, our seven year old had his tonsils out. We, like other parents who have lost their minds, brought the diminutive specimens home in a little container (not for long, though!). Recovery was a fabulously fun-filled interval of ice cream, vanilla shakes, popsicles and pudding. As a child, it just doesn't get any better than that! Our six year old spent the next two weeks drooling over his brother's new diet and watching his recuperative progress! As the days passed, our little patient was able to slowly graduate to more solid fare.

About a week and a half after the procedure, the boys and I were sitting around the kitchen table one evening building a little wooden motorcycle model. As we were discussing the continuing recovery of the tonsil-less brother, our youngest, with a very thoughtful and inquisitive look on his face asked, "Daddy, when are you gonna put 'em back in?" Of course, he was referring to the missing minutiae. His question sent me rolling as I thought about how serious he was! Don't children say the cutest things!

The funny thing is that if I'd have told them I was putting them back in on the following Wednesday, they wouldn't have thought twice about it! They would have taken it at face-value, accepted it as true, and moved on down the road to more important matters like coloring a race car or a dinosaur in their new coloring books.

The fact of the matter is that they're fully convinced that Daddy can do anything! If I say I'm putting tonsils back in next Wednesday; they don't question it, they don't doubt it, and they don't get anxious about it. They simply KNOW that Daddy's got it all under control. If Daddy says they're going back in, then by golly, that's the way it is!

Why aren't we like that more often with our Father? After all, He is the One who is infinitely powerful and whose will cannot be thwarted. He is the One who is the Great Physician and who knows every molecule of our bodies perfectly as our Creator. He is the One who cannot lie and whose promises are never broken. He is the One who never fails.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God (our Father) and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:6-7

You can always count on Him.