**MY STORY**

Looking back on your notes from this week’s message, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Answers to this question this week might be humorous. Don’t make it anything different than what it is.

What are 3 words that would describe what you were like as a child? What are 3 words that you would use to describe yourself now?

There’s nothing wrong with the 3 words being the same 3 words from childhood, just as there is nothing wrong with them being different.

**QUICK REVIEW**

**READ Mark 10:13-15**

What about the behavior of children does God want us to copy? How can we have the same attitude toward God that children had toward Jesus?

Children are trusting, innocent, honest, believing, etc. Our believing should lead us to trust and our trust should lead us to obedience.

**DIGGING DEEPER**

**READ Isaiah 26:3-4**

Parents (or anyone) who trusts the Lord are given certain promises from God, Himself. How might these promises benefit someone who is endeavoring to parent a child or grandchild? How might these promises benefit any Christ-Follower in their spiritual journey?

The first promise here is perfect peace and the second is security and steadfastness. If we follow the statutes of God, He will give peace, even in difficult situations. If God can be trusted in the good times, He can be trusted in the hard times, as well. He doesn’t change. (Hebrews 13:8)

**READ John 1:12-13**

Christ-Followers are often referred to, in the Scriptures, as “children of God”. Why do you think that term is used, and what does it say about God’s interaction with us and ours with Him?

Children need guidance, protection, and security. Those are among the things that God offers to us, as His children. We are also disciplined like a child. As a child of God, our goal should be to be obedient and loving.

**TAKING IT HOME**

What concrete steps can you take, this week, to imitate Christ’s love and compassion for children? In what concrete way can you depend on God in your day-to-day affairs?

The answers to this will be individual and varied.