

Daddy, Daddy, Daddy

Have a read of **Galatians 4:6** and **Mar 10:15**. I was talking to a mate the other day, he had a normal week but he had seen his kids a little less, and when he got home his kids ran to him jumped up in his arms yelling Daddy, Daddy, Daddy..... They were obviously pleased to see him, he sat down with them and they each sat on his lap and told him of their day. He said he the proceeded to rise and go to his computer to do some work telling the kids to play, as he walked toward his computer a feeling of loss came over him, he looked back at his kids playing, turned around and sat with them again enjoying their company and their stories of their adventures.

My friend said to me, “you know, I reckon God is like this with us”. The Amplified version of Mark reads like this: *Unless you accept God’s kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you’ll never get in.*” My friend then said, Adam and Eve were probably like that walking with God and enjoying each others company”. He then asked me, “what is the times when you hate something in particular about your children”, my instant reply was “when they nag us”. He said yep, and I think God doesn’t like that too much either”! We then had a very deep and meaningful discussion on the character of God and his attitude toward us, he wants the best for us of course, but what do these scriptures really say?

OK, let’s take a look at a child: My son Levi for instant is 10 years old, when I ask him to do something, he usually does it without question, but a lot of times he is curious and asks why? I remember Ray being the same at about that age, he would and he still does ask why? Ray is taking his driving lessons from me (God help us) and when I explain something to him, if he understands why (common knowledge type stuff) he just accepts and does it, but I have noticed that sometimes he asks “why”? So we pull over to the side of the road and I explain why, sometimes I have to show him why.

So, if we have to become as children to enter the Kingdom of God what does this mean for us? For instance, God said to me in September last year, “Ross (he is one of few who call me that) I want you to look at every conversation going on around you and shut up!” Now I know Proverbs tells us that a fool is known by his many words and a few scriptures like that, so I decided to just obey and shut up! I look back now and understand why, I have saved myself a lot of grief, and quite frankly prior to this I was a bit of a chatter box, but now I listen to people and I also hear God telling me stuff while people are talking, I am learning a lot more from the Holy Spirit!

I have been a part of what many know as the Word of Faith” movement where we are basically taught to walk around confessing scripture, not talking negative, and quoting God’s word for every occasion. Now don’t get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with that and I still encourage it some times, but I have learnt that if I have a closer relationship with my heavenly Father, and he is watching over me, just like I am with my son, I want to protect him and so does my heavenly Father. Have a look at Mat 7v9 onwards, yes we still have to ask, but we shouldn’t nag. Is God deaf? Is He stupid? Does He not care about us? I don’t think so! He loves us!! I have noticed lately that since my walk with God has become more personal, it has become harder, but also I have been more blessed in the last few months than I ever was in the last few years or more! Why?

I was encouraged by preachers to go to God and demand, declare that the word will work, remind him of his promises, bind, loose, break, declare healing etc etc..... All that is good and we do have authority, but I have found a greater way! I go and I sit on my Daddy’s lap and tell him all about my day, or my week, my faults, my failures, my guilt, my victories, my exploits, my passions and my desires, we have a real good chinwag basically. I enjoy his company and I am sure he enjoys mine, my Christian walk has become more real over the last few months than it ever was. It has become the hardest too, because I have a close relationship with God, he has the opportunity to show me areas of my life that need changing, attitudes I need to get ride of, lifestyles that need to change and ideals.

At the same time too, he shows me ways of doing it all! He makes it that little bit easier for me, he gives me the next piece of the jigsaw and I just figure out where it goes. Due to this fact, the devil can see that I am placing this puzzle of the “Christian Walk” together and he doesn’t like it, he brings along stuff in my life to try and upset the table and make my puzzle fall out of place. I can see that too. Have a read of **Matthew 6v1-8**. Have a look at your walk, not other people’s, and ask yourself, which one am I? I have blessed some people lately in different ways, it has caused their faith in God to grow which is supposed to be the result, and in return, God has blessed me back in many ways. I have a greater appreciation of “The kingdom of God” now, I am almost starting to get a glimpse of what it is like to live in it, I can hardly wait until it matures, but I think that will be years away.

Our life is supposed to be one of victory, health, prosperity, favour, Love, Peace, a one way river, and mostly it is not! Well, I speak of myself here anyway maybe not you. But I have found a vital key, and it

opens the door to the Kingdom of God, treat God like your Daddy. I never had a dad, so I would not have any idea what that is supposed to mean, but I am as sure as the Pope is Catholic that I am going to find out what a Daddy is supposed to be like. Maybe your Dad left a sour taste in your life, maybe you are like me and didn't have one, I struggle with being a dad myself, because I don't know what I am supposed to be like. From here on, I intend to learn from the best possible Father in the universe, it may take a long time, but I am going to enjoy the trip along the way.

Ever been to a youth convention? Seen how they have tears and highest highs, and power on for God for a while, it is because they get close to God, close to him during worship, during times of prayer they expect to receive, we can learn from our youth of today. We have received many words of encouragement from preachers, prophets and so on, but it is only the words from God that can change your life and not out of a book called a Bible, it is words that can only be received by sitting on his lap and having that relationship with him.