

# BE A CHILD: WHAT IS CHILDLIKE FAITH?

In a world that measures worth by success, we often chase achievement to prove our value to the world. Sometimes, without realizing it, we can even start approaching God the same way. When the disciples asked Jesus who the greatest in the kingdom of heaven is, they were bewildered when Jesus pointed to a child. You see, God doesn't ask for our accomplishments but for humble, trusting hearts that long for His presence and love. What does childlike faith look like? It's the simple joy of trusting our Heavenly Father completely.

## WHAT IS A CHILD?

In Matthew 18:5-6, Jesus teaches that the only way to enter the kingdom of God is to humble ourselves and receive Him like a child. Think back to when trusting your parents came naturally, when their presence meant comfort and safety. That's the picture that Jesus paints. A child is not defined by immaturity or lack of knowledge, but by humility and dependence! To have childlike faith is to trust God's Word wholeheartedly, to depend on His guidance without question, and to delight in His love as our Father.

## WHY BE A CHILD?

When the world leaves us weary and discouraged, God invites us to rest in His love! Our identity as God's children reminds us that we are heirs to His promises and secure in His care! As we grow in

intimacy with God, He delights when we trust His control over our lives. Only when we come to Him as children can we truly experience the peace, security, and provision God offers. A child of God inherits the Father's promises, enjoys His blessings, and lives securely in the center of God's perfect will.

## HOW TO BE A CHILD?

Jesus reminds us through the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector that pride blinds us to childlike faith. Many desire to come to God on their own terms, but true faith begins with humility. As adults, we often cling to self-reliance, believing we know enough, pray enough, or do enough. But Jesus calls us to lay that down and come to Him with a child's heart: honest, trusting, and fully surrendered.

To be God's child is to admit we don't have all the answers, and to trust Him not just as a Savior but as Father (John 1:12). It's choosing to align our will with God's, and to humbly receive the gift of salvation lovingly prepared by a Father for His children.

### discuss this message

- Have you experienced a season when spending time with God felt difficult or distant? What might God be inviting you to do today to draw closer to Him again?
- Is there an area in your life right now where God is asking you to fully trust Him and hold on to His promises?
- Are there moments when you struggle to believe that you are truly God's child? What thoughts, experiences, or barriers might be holding you back from embracing a deeper, loving relationship with your Heavenly Father?

### last week's memory verse

and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 18:3



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## ccf SERVICES AT THE CCF CENTER

SATURDAYS

5:00 PM

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9:00 AM, 12:00 NN  
3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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# Take heart, Jesus is the Light in the darkness.

Allow us to listen and pray for you at the Welcome Center!

## STEP INTO THE COMMUNITY

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS  
OPEN TO ALL


### Sessions resume next year!

WOMEN 2 WOMEN ALL WOMEN



**Thrive for Life: Guiding the Next Generation Through Their Mental Health Journey** (PANEL DISCUSSION)  
November 13, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH  
CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE

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B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

**B1G Fridays**  
November 14, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH  
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MOVEMEN+ ALL MEN 18 Y/O AND UP

**Alpha Male: Learning the Ropes of How to Become a Man of God**  
November 22, Saturday, 2:00 PM  
Register: [go.ccf.org.ph/movingmentochrist](https://go.ccf.org.ph/movingmentochrist)  
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FRIDAY OUTREACH OPEN TO ALL

**Get trained in evangelism and bring the gospel to the streets!**  
Saturdays, 3:00 PM, Room 3A  
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  FridayOutreach.Philippines

NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

**Overflow: Living with a Grateful Heart**  
Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM  
G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)  
BIBLE LESSON PREMIERE: for ages 4-12  
9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen  
RESOURCES:  
<https://linktr.ee/NXTGENFamilyResources>

## We are willing to listen and improve!

IGNITE  
BUSINESS OWNERS AND ENTREPRENEURS

**Navigating Change: Living in an Age of Anxiety**  
with Michael Ramsden  
November 11, Tuesday  
5:00 PM, 2/F Annex Bldg.  
Register: [go.ccf.org.ph/navigatingchange3](https://go.ccf.org.ph/navigatingchange3)

## LEARN ABOUT OUR FAITH

**Lead to Multiply GLC3 LEAD**  
BOOK 11: **The Spiritual Warfare:**  
SESSION 2: **Overcoming Strongholds**  
TEACHER: Ptr. Marty Ocaya  
November 13, Thursday  
7:30 PM, MPH

**Want to be GLC-equipped?**  
Use the E-Learning format:  
[glc.ccf.org.ph/online](https://glc.ccf.org.ph/online)  
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**GLC Graduation 2025**  
**Burning Bush: God's Presence, God's Calling**  
November 22, Saturday, 1:00 PM, MPH  
*Individuals who have completed any level of the GLC program may apply.*  
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**Overflow tickets are available until tickets last!**

Head to the 2/F lobby booth this Sunday or [idc.org.ph](https://idc.org.ph) to get your tickets!

**NOTE:** Overflow tickets are for overflow halls only, and **does not grant access to the main hall** during plenaries. Seat reservation is not required.

**MAIN HALL TICKETHOLDERS:**  
SEAT RESERVATION ENDS NOVEMBER 30!

If you have any concerns and feedback, our pastors are willing to listen. Email them along with your name at [osp@ccf.org.ph](mailto:osp@ccf.org.ph) — Pastor Peter Tan-Chi  
[oep@ccf.org.ph](mailto:oep@ccf.org.ph) — Pastor Ricky Sarthou

Note: Emails without **full name** shall not be entertained.

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

### God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

### God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

### God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6*

### God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?**

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

### God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*