Faith and Humility in the Eyes of Jesus



Explore Jesus' heart for little children, learning faith, humility, and the posture God values most in this 7-day study focused on Luke 18:15–17.





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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study on the Gospels, centered on a beautiful passage from Luke 18:15—17. In this passage, we witness Jesus' tender and powerful interaction with little children brought to Him. This story isn't just about children; it is a profound lesson on faith, humility, and the heart posture God treasures in all of us.

Often in our busy and complex lives, we overlook the simple faith and humility that Jesus praises. Children naturally exhibit a trust and openness that adults can struggle to maintain amidst doubts, fears, and distractions. When Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it," He calls us to examine our faith with renewed perspective.

As we journey through this study, let us explore what it means to approach God with childlike faith — a faith marked by humility, dependence, and sincerity. We'll dive into Scripture to see how Jesus models grace, how the Gospel writers capture this vivid lesson, and how we can apply this truth daily.

Whether you're new to the Bible or have walked with Jesus for years, this study invites you to rediscover the profound value of a humble heart. Let's open our hearts to the Spirit's guidance and embrace the faith God longs for in each of us.

















Your Verse

Luke 18:15-17 - 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 19:14 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'
- Mark 10:14 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'







Devotional: Jesus' Open Arms for Faithful Hearts

Jesus' welcome of the little children is a profound statement about the nature of faith. In Luke 18:15–17, people brought children to Jesus, expecting Him to bless them. Yet, His response goes deeper than a mere blessing. Jesus emphatically invites children to approach Him freely and warns adults not to hinder this interaction.

Why does Jesus value children so highly? It's not about their size or status, but their faith posture — trust, humility, and dependence. These are qualities of the heart God delights in. The kingdom of God belongs to those who receive it like a child, open and trusting.

Faith is not about intellectual achievement or spiritual superiority; it's about trusting God with simplicity and sincerity. As we reflect today, consider whether your heart welcomes God like a child's or whether pride and doubt create barriers.







Reflect and Apply

	What qualities of children does Jesus highlight as necessary for entering God's kingdom?
2.	In what ways might adults 'hinder' or block their own access to Jesus?
3.	How can you cultivate childlike faith in your daily walk with God?







Journaling Prompts

	Write about a time when you experienced simple, trusting faith like a child.
	Describe what 'receiving the kingdom of God like a child' means to you personally.
3.	List practical ways you can remove obstacles hindering your faith.







Prayer for Today

Dear Jesus, thank You for welcoming all of us with open arms, especially when we come with humble and trusting hearts. Help me to receive Your kingdom like a child, with faith free from fear or doubt. Remove anything in my life that hinders my closeness to You. Teach me to trust You simply and fully, knowing that Your kingdom is for those who depend on You completely.



















Your Verse

Luke 18:17 - 'Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 18:3 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'
- James 4:6 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.'







Devotional: Humility Unlocks the Kingdom of God

Jesus doesn't just accept children; He makes a defining statement about humility and faith being inseparable. To enter the kingdom of God, one must receive it like a child — embracing humility rather than pride.

Why is humility so crucial? Pride often leads us to rely on ourselves, our achievements, or status. But God's kingdom is built on dependence and trust in Him alone. Children naturally rely on their caregivers wholly, and Jesus points us to that posture as the model for faith.

It's striking that the kingdom of God is not open to those who refuse this humility. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble faith acknowledges our need for God's guidance and grace every day.

Today, consider where pride may linger in your heart and how you can deliberately embrace humility to walk closer with God.







Reflect and Apply

	How do you personally define humility, and why do you think God values it?
2.	In what areas of your life is pride a challenge to your faith?
3.	What steps can you take to cultivate a humble heart before God?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time humbling yourself brought you closer to God.
	Identify areas where pride hinders your spiritual growth and possible ways to surrender.
3.	Describe what childlike humility looks like in your daily life.







Prayer for Today

Lord, teach me true humility. Help me to shed pride and come to You as a child, trusting and dependent. I want to receive Your kingdom with a sincere heart that recognizes my need for You every moment. Thank You for Your grace that lifts up the humble and welcomes all who come with faith.



















Your Verse

Luke 18:16 - 'Let the little children come to me... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Hebrews 11:1 'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.'
- Romans 10:17 'Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.'







Devotional: The Simplicity and Strength of Faith

Jesus points us to children who approach Him without hesitation or doubt, embodying pure trust. Faith like this provides a foundation for everything in the kingdom of God. It is the assurance of things hoped for, the confidence in the unseen.

We learn through Scripture and experience that faith grows as we hear God's Word. But Jesus reveals that its root is simple, trusting access — like children coming freely to a loving parent.

Faith is not complicated or earned by intellect or works; it is a gift we receive and nurture. Today, reflect on how you are growing your faith through God's Word and daily dependence on Him.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does childlike faith look like in trusting God daily?
2.	How have you experienced growth in faith through hearing and reading God's Word?
3.	Are there areas where you struggle to trust completely? Why?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time when trusting God completely brought peace or guidance.
2.	Describe how regularly engaging with Scripture impacts your faith.
3.	Identify a current situation where you feel challenged to have childlike trust.







Prayer for Today

Father, increase my faith. Help me approach You daily with the same trust and openness as a child. May Your Word grow in my heart, strengthening my confidence to rely on Your promises. Teach me to lay aside doubt and walk boldly in Your grace and love.



















Your Verse

Luke 18:17 - '...the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 51:17 'The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.'
- Proverbs 3:5 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.'







Devotional: Cultivating a Heart God Loves

The kingdom of God belongs to those with hearts like little children—pure, trusting, and receptive. Beyond simple faith, God values a heart that is humble and contrite.

Psalm 51:17 reminds us that God does not despise a broken and contrite heart. This brokenness is not defeat but openness, an admission that we need God's help and grace continually. Proverbs highlights the importance of trust, guarding our hearts from self-reliance.

God desires a heart that is fully surrendered and aligned with His will. Just as children depend fully on their parents, we too are called to place all our trust in God, not our own understanding.

Take time today to evaluate your heart posture before God and invite Him to shape it according to His love.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What characteristics define a heart that God values?
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2.	How can you develop a contrite and humble heart in daily life?
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3.	In what ways do you see God working on your heart right now?
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Journaling Prompts

1.	Reflect on times when you have experienced God's forgiveness and grace.
2.	Write about areas in your heart that need healing or surrender.
3.	List steps to deepen your trust in God's understanding over your own.







Prayer for Today

God, shape my heart. I want a heart that is humble, broken, and trusting—one that You delight in. Heal areas of pride or hardness, and help me lean wholly on You. Teach me to follow Your ways with a sincere and open spirit.



















Day 5: Living Out Childlike Faith

Your Verse

1 Corinthians 13:11 – 'When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 18:4 'Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'
- Philippians 2:3 'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.'







Day 5: Living Out Childlike Faith

Devotional: Putting Away Pride to Walk Humbly

While Paul speaks of leaving childish ways behind, Jesus calls us to retain the heart qualities of a child—humility and dependence. This is not a contradiction but a transformation in maturity that embraces humility and love.

Jesus says the greatest in the kingdom are those who take the lowly position of a child. This position requires setting aside selfish ambition, pride, or conceit and valuing others as Jesus did.

Living out childlike faith means practicing humility actively—listening, serving, and trusting God daily. It's a challenge in a world that prizes self-sufficiency, but it leads us closer to God's heart and purposes.







Day 5: 🔲 Living Out Childlike Faith

Reflect and Apply

1.	How do maturity and childlike faith coexist in the life of a believer?
	What are ways you can practice humility in your relationships and service?
3.	Where does selfish ambition interfere with your faith journey?







Day 5: Living Out Childlike Faith

Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall a situation where humility changed the outcome positively.
2.	Write about how you can value others more in your daily life.
3.	Identify prideful attitudes you want to surrender this week.







Day 5: Living Out Childlike Faith

Prayer for Today

Jesus, help me live humbly. Teach me to put aside selfish ambition and to value others above myself. May I walk in childlike faith, embracing humility and trust that honors You. Empower me to serve with love and grace every day.

















Your Verse

Romans 14:17 – 'For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.'

Supporting Scriptures

- John 3:5 'No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.'
- Galatians 5:22–23 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.'







Devotional: Experiencing God's Kingdom Daily

The kingdom of God is a present reality marked by righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Jesus points to children as those who belong naturally to this kingdom because they embrace it with trusting hearts.

Living in God's kingdom means more than external rituals; it means yielding to the Spirit's fruit and walking in transformative grace. It's about being born anew, aligning our lives with God's righteousness and peace.

As we grow in faith and humility, we experience the kingdom tangibly through the Spirit's work. Today, reflect on ways you can open your heart more fully to this transformative reality.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you currently experience the kingdom of God in your life?
2.	What does yielding to the Holy Spirit look like in your daily routine?
3.	Which fruit of the Spirit do you feel called to cultivate more deeply?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe moments when you felt God's peace and joy distinctly.
2.	Write about a fruit of the Spirit you want to focus on growing.
3.	Consider spiritual habits that invite the kingdom's presence daily.







Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, fill me with Your presence. Help me to live in the righteousness, peace, and joy that marks God's kingdom. Teach me to bear Your fruit and to trust fully in God's transformative work in my heart and life.









Day 7: 🎇 Living with Childlike Faith Forever









Day 7: 💥 Living with Childlike Faith Forever

Your Verse

Matthew 18:3 - '...unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

Supporting Scriptures

- Revelation 21:4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes.'
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 'For we live by faith, not by sight.'







Day 7: 🎇 Living with Childlike Faith Forever

Devotional: Embracing Eternal Childlike Faith

As this study concludes, Jesus' call to become like little children remains a lifelong invitation. This transformation is not temporary but shapes our eternal relationship with God.

Living by faith and not by sight, we trust God's promises, including His ultimate restoration where He wipes every tear. Childlike faith is the lens through which we view life's challenges and the hope ahead.

May you continue to grow in humility, trust, and dependence, knowing the kingdom of heaven embraces all who come as children. Keep returning to this posture daily, allowing God to lead you into fullness of life now and forever.







Day 7: 🎇 Living with Childlike Faith Forever

Reflect and Apply

1.	How will you continue to cultivate childlike faith in the years ahead?
2.	What eternal hope comforts you in moments of difficulty?
3.	In what ways can you encourage others to embrace faith with humility?







Day 7: 🗱 Living with Childlike Faith Forever

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a prayer committing to live by faith like a child.
2.	Reflect on the hope of heaven and how it shapes your earthly life.
3.	List ways you can support others in growing their faith.







Day 7: 💥 Living with Childlike Faith Forever

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to live by faith all my days. Keep my heart humble, trusting, and open like a child's. Fill me with hope in Your promises and use me to encourage others in their walk with You. Thank You for Your eternal kingdom and loving guidance.









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