

"Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

MARK 10:15, ESV

RECEIVED, NOT EARNED

A one-page reflection guide on receiving God's kingdom like a child

Parents brought their children to Jesus.
The disciples tried to send them away.
But Jesus did something surprising.
He welcomed them. He held them.
And He said that the kingdom of God belongs to those who receive it like this.

Children carry no résumé.
They come with open hands and trusting hearts.
That is how grace has always been received—
not by proving, but by trusting.

*This week, let's learn to receive
God's kingdom the same way.*



THREE TRUTHS TO CARRY THIS WEEK

- 1 GOD'S WELCOME COMES BEFORE MY PERFORMANCE.**
Jesus embraced the children before they had anything to offer.
His welcome was the beginning, not the reward.
- 2 GRACE IS RECEIVED WITH OPEN HANDS.**
The kingdom is not earned through achievement.
It is received by trusting the goodness of the One who invites us near.
- 3 BELONGING IS GOD'S GIFT.**
You do not have to become more impressive before coming to Jesus. In Him, belonging is not something you achieve. It is something you receive.



A SIMPLE PRACTICE

Before you begin your day tomorrow, sit quietly for one minute.
Open your hands in your lap.

As you breathe slowly, pray:

*"Jesus, today I release my need to prove myself.
Teach me to receive Your love as freely as
a child receives the embrace of a loving Father.
Amen."*



Leave your hands open for a few moments after you finish praying.
Let that posture become your first act of trust.



A QUESTION TO CARRY

*Where am I still trying
to earn what Jesus is
already inviting me
to receive?*



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