Learning From The Children

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INTRODUCTION

- Our kids make eating time much more challenging, and it's probably one of the most taxing things day to day.
- I started thinking about what in the world does God want me to learn from this occasion?

1 You Have to Be Patient

Ephesians 6:4

- You have to wait. You have to be patient. I cannot force my kids to eat.
- And you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.
- This word provoke can mean to stir up, to irritate, to exasperate. Another way to phrase Paul's command is to stop nagging your kids.
- We need to be patient with all of our relationships, not just our kids.

2 Be Eager to Learn Like Children

Matthew 19:13–14; 1 Peter 2:1–3

- Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them. For of such is the kingdom of heaven.
- Children have a simplicity to them, their innocence. They have an eagerness to learn.
- As newborn babes desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted the Lord is gracious.
- So eager to learn. Let's be eager to learn like children are.

3 Keep Singing

Psalm 13:5–6

- God gave us singing to excite us, to make us excited about worshiping Him, and to stir emotion.
- We sing and we should be singing to have excitement and be emotional about what we're doing.
- I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt bountifully with me.
- When we reach heaven and we'll all be singing, that is going to be a glorious time.

4 Freely Meet and Communicate With People

- Number one is the ability to freely meet, communicate, and have conversation with people. Sometimes I think we forget to do that.
- You were willing to go out of your bubble and to say hi. And I think we need to keep doing that.

- Let’s make sure that we are meeting people that we don’t know and welcoming people into our group.

5 Have Compassion and Esteem Others

Luke 4:18; Philippians 2:3–4; Matthew 14:13–14

- The second lesson that I draw from this scenario was that Bo had compassion on this little old lady.
- The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.
- Let each of you look out not only for his own interest, but also for the interests of others.
- And when Jesus went out, he saw a great multitude, and he was moved with compassion for them and healed their sick.

6 Go to Someone Who Loves You

Hebrews 4:16

- All they want is to go to somebody who loves them and to tell them that it’s going to be okay.
- When we are hurting, when we are in pain, when we might be dealing with sin, don’t go on a shopping spree.
- Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- We too can have full assurance that when we go to our Father, he will comfort us.
- For in that he himself has suffered, being tempted, he is able to aid those who are tempted.

THE CHALLENGE

If there’s anyone who has any need, then let’s stand and let’s sing, adults and kids.

MY NOTES