



PART 3: A CHILDLIKE FAITH

INTRODUCTION

Sometimes faith turns into religion. Devotion becomes obligation, and suddenly you feel like you're just going through the motions. If that's how you feel right now, how do you recapture a rich faith? If it's not how you feel, how do you prevent your rich faith from slipping away?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your favorite game or activity as a child? What did you like about it?
2. Has there been a person in your life that was generous with their time and gave their best to you? If so, what did that do for you?
3. As you think about your spiritual life right now, would you define it as rich faith or dry religion? How do you think you got where you are?
4. Is it difficult for you to believe that God loves you and wants to spend time with you? Why or why not?
5. During the message, Bob said, "What Jesus wants you to do is love everybody always. And start with the people who creep you out." What people "creep you out"? (If they are in the room please don't point or provide names!) What would it look like to love them?
6. Who is one person in your life that you could love better. What is one thing you can do to be available and generous to that person? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

If you want to find a rich faith, return to a childlike faith. Stop trying to be like other people, and start trying to be like Jesus. God wants you to be you. He can't wait to spend forever with you. Armed with that truth, you can love other people well. And when you do that, you'll discover the rich faith you desire.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." -John 15:12-13