**A Word From Jesus**

**“You Must Change and Become Like Little Children”**

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**A Childlike Humility**

People who think they are better than others will be made humble. But people who humble themselves will be made great. Matthew 23:12 (Easy to Read)

In whatever you do, don’t let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves. Philippians 2:3 (Easy to Read)

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. 1 Peter 5:6 (New Living)

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**A Childlike Teachable Spirit**

Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, 3now that you have had a taste of the Lord’s kindness. 1 Peter 2:2-3 (New Living)

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**A Childlike Faith**

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Trust the Lord completely, and don’t depend on your own knowledge. 6With every step you take, think about what he wants, and he will help you go the right way. 7Don’t trust in your own wisdom, but fear and respect the Lord and stay away from evil. Proverbs 3:5-7 (Easy to Read)

**A Childlike Wonder**

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who alone works wonders. 19And blessed be His glorious name forever; And may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen. Psalm 72:18-19 (New American Standard)

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