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Sunday, June 7, 2015

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(Luke 18:15-17)

Today begins a new summer series called *Rediscover Jesus*. Over the next weeks we will walk with Jesus through encounters with a variety of men and women in the Bible. Through this journey we will come to see God and ourselves more clearly. Today we see the priority Jesus placed on children.

1. THE EXAMPLE: Open your arms and _____.

2. THE WARNING: Don't hinder a child _____.

3. THE PRINCIPLE: You must relate to _____.

(1) A sense of _____.

(2) A simple _____.

(3) A spirit of _____.

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1. THE EXAMPLE: Open your arms and welcome children.

“And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them” (Mark 10:16, ESV).

2. THE WARNING: Don’t hinder a child who is seeking God.

“For an answer Jesus called over a child, whom he stood in the middle of the room, and said, “I’m telling you, once and for all, that unless you return to square one and start over like children, you’re not even going to get a look at the kingdom, let alone get in. Whoever becomes simple and elemental again, like this child, will rank high in God’s kingdom. What’s more, when you receive the childlike on my account, it’s the same as receiving me. But if you give them a hard time, bullying or taking advantage of their simple trust, you’ll soon wish you hadn’t. You’d be better off dropped in the middle of the lake with a millstone around your neck. Doom to the world for giving these God-believing children a hard time! Hard times are inevitable, but you don’t have to make it worse—and it’s doomsday to you if you do” (Matthew 5:2-7, The Message).

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(1) A sense of awe and wonder.

(2) A simple trust.

(3) A spirit of forgiveness.