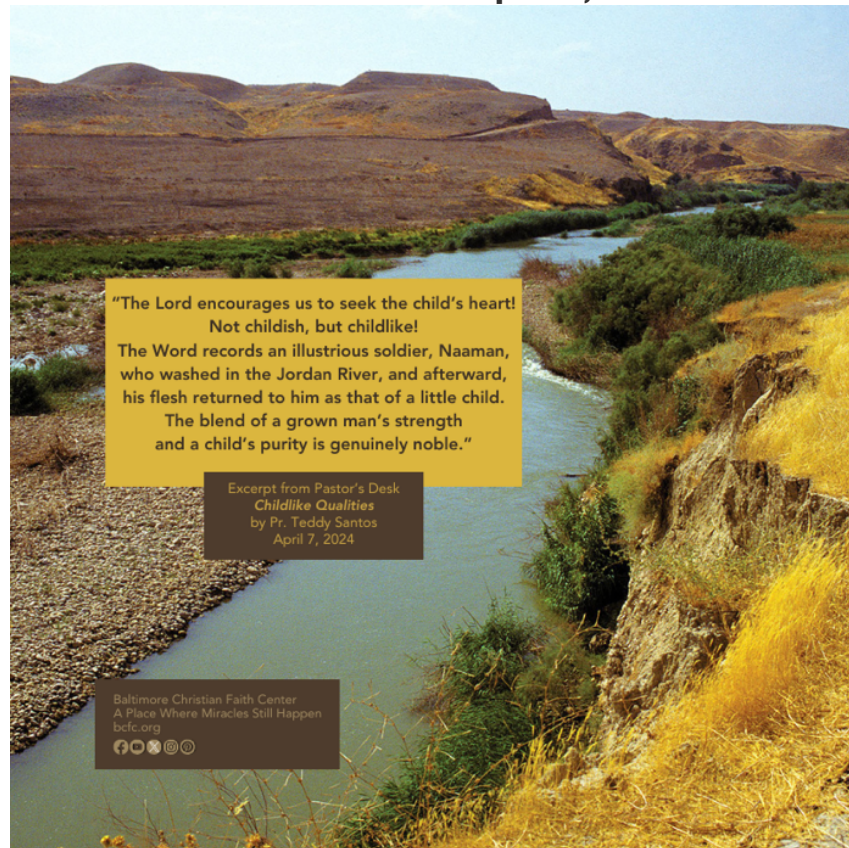


CHILDLIKE QUALITIES

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Matthew 18:2-3 “**2** Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, **3** and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Lord encourages us to seek the child's heart! Not childish, but childlike! The Word records an illustrious soldier, Naaman, who washed in the Jordan River, and afterward, his flesh returned to him as that of a little child. The blend of a grown man's strength and a child's purity is genuinely noble.

It is only possible to attain these qualities by paying a price. The hierarchy in the Kingdom of Heaven is the opposite of earthly kingdoms. In this world, people seek superiority, but in Christ's kingdom, serving humbly brings great reward. The King of Glory washed His disciples' feet, and in His Kingdom, nobles serve others willingly.

Humility, simplicity, and freedom from self-consciousness are the natural qualities of early childhood. The childlike heart agrees on earth in the symphony of prayer. The child's spirit will also be willing to forgive and forget. Ask yourself today: How many of these qualities do I have?

At His service,
Pr. Teddy Santos