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Believe Series
Part 3: Believe Like a Child
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1. What is your favorite childhood memory?
2. What is your favorite Christmas memory as a child (or otherwise)?
3. Jesus was indignant when his disciples rebuked people for bringing children to Jesus. He said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it” (Mark 10:13-16).

*Ted’s focus was on the eagerness of a child to learn. What other important qualities do children of good parents possess?
*How would these qualities and others you might name be important for a child of God?
4. What have you learned in the last year and what would you still like to learn?
5. Hebrews 6:1 says, “Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teaching about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God.”

*What would you like Jesus to teach you?
*Have you ever prayed for an eagerness to learn?
* Jeremiah 33:2-3 says, “This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it—‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’”
Consider turning it into a prayer (a plea): “Lord, teach me great and unsearchable things I do not know.”
6. Who are you teaching about Jesus and how are you going about this?
7. A young woman in our church makes a bucket list each season—to make sure she experiences the wonder of life. What would you put on your spiritual bucket list?
8. Ted said spiritual maturity pursues *works, duty, and responsibility* without abandoning *curiosity, fascination, and wonder*. Of those six words, which most describes you?
9. What would you like your spiritual legacy to be? In other words, what spiritual truth represents your life so much it could be put on your head stone when the time comes?

