

## Faith of a child

Editor's note: Cody Mummau will fill this space while Bob Felts deals with a health issue.

My wife and I picked up our 4-year-old son from preschool the other day and brought him to the church with us for lunch. As we exited the car and approached the sidewalk, he stopped quickly as though he had left his candy treat in his seat. He gazed up at me for a moment and said "Dad, we need to pray to God right now." Puzzled as to what brought this sudden need to pray, I told him we could pray right there in the front driveway of the church. Before I could compose myself and begin to pray, Carter shouted in his loud voice "GOD!" I looked down to see his face gazing toward the sky expectantly. With only a moment of hesitation to be sure we were with him in prayer, he loudly proclaimed, "We just want to tell you it is a beautiful day. Good job!"

Of course my wife and I smiled during the moment, but I was almost guilty of writing off this display as an example of simple cute stuff that kids do. I realized that my son actually understood what most of us tend to forget. He has complete faith that God is listening and he cares about us. In fact, the only hesitation Carter had in that moment was whether we were joining him in his words of praise to God.

In recent weeks, Brookwood Church has started to walk an uncertain journey with our lead pastor, Bob Felts. Many of you read the news in his article, "The Tidal Wave I Never Saw Coming," about the recent discovery of cancer in his lungs. These times have raised many questions about reasons and timing. Just the other day, a man said to me, "If God allows this to happen to one of his servants then I don't know if I can believe in him at all." It is a thought many have had in the face of difficult times and great obstacles. We question whether God loves us and whether he hears us.

Throughout the past few days, I'm drawn back to the simple but solid faith of my son. In the Bible, Jesus says that we are to accept the Kingdom of God in the simplicity of a child (Mark 10:15). God tells us that he has a good plan and a hope for our future (Jeremiah 29:11). There is never a guarantee that the followers of Jesus Christ will be free from suffering. Instead, there is a promise that God will be with us as we go through our sufferings. God promises that in our weakest moments his strength will be seen (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). My friend Ben posted on his Facebook wall the other day a quote that seemed to put things in perspective for me.

"If we cannot believe God when circumstances seem to be against us, we do not believe Him at all."  
Charles H. Spurgeon.

What a beautiful thing to learn a lesson in faith from my 4-year-old child. Just moments after giving thanks for his wonderful day at school, he paused one more time and looked back up to the sky. "Umm God," and he again spoke in his loud voice, "We believe you!" How important it is to have faith, not only when things are going the way that we like, but also when the world around us seems to collapse and to be able to say "We believe you!" We are not certain of what the coming days hold, but we are certain that God is in control.

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