

Copy the Kids

We may be quarantined, but we still have access to everything we need. To get started, **COPY THE KIDS!**

Why would I want to copy the kids?

- That's how we access God's kingdom, and access to the kingdom is worth everything.
- The kingdom of God is where whatever God wants done, is done. It's His best for us. It's His goodness, His love, and His mercy. It's where we find power, presence, and purpose. Healing and transformation. It's here and now, not just in the future. It's present in us, and around us. It doesn't disappear when we struggle or suffer. It's here to stay.

I need the kingdom in quarantine.

You need the kingdom in quarantine.

We get distracted by disappointment.

Matthew 18:1-4 NIV *At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"*

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Jesus is not talking about our salvation; He's talking about our ability to experience abundant life now.

The kingdom is available now, our job is to **COPY THE KIDS.**

What characteristics do we need to copy?

1. Kids are **ATTACHED.**

- Identity, security and comfort are found in the presence of mom and dad.
 - Experience does not dictate well-being.
2. Kids are **NEEDY.**
 - Raw real-ness informs parents moment-by-moment how their kid is doing.
 - Every want and need is expressed.
 3. Kids are **CONFIDENT.**
 - Time teaches them that mom and dad know everything, can do everything, fix everything, and make it all better.
 4. Kids are **CURIOUS.**
 - Change is not the enemy, it's the goal.

Questions I'm committed to asking in quarantine:

1. How often am I looking to God?
2. Am I expressing my thoughts and feelings, and then asking for help?
3. Do my choices reflect confidence or fear?
4. Am I curious and open to change?

The goal is not to answer these perfectly, but honestly. Then I can evaluate my trajectory and make adjustments.

Adjustments are made as we pray.

Matthew 6:8-13 (MSG and NIV) *This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply.*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.