Isn’t it interesting how kids are able to teach us so much?

Adults think they know everything but it often takes the innocent and fresh mind of a kid to get us to change our perspective.

Some mornings, as I’m finishing getting ready to go to work, Kennedy wakes up and calls out for me.

I go in her room, lift her out of her crib, and we get to be together before I have to leave.

Even if I’m gone already, she’ll call out until Katie comes in to get her out of her crib.

I didn’t stop to think about it until the other day, but she calls out to me when the door is closed.

Even though she can’t see us, she knows we will hear her. She knows that we are there.

It made me think of how we call out to God.

As adults, we sometimes question God’s presence.

We sometimes wonder *if* He hears us.

We sometimes wonder *if* our prayers will be answered.

Going back to a kid’s perspective, they don’t wonder if we hear them, they keep calling until we hear them.

They have unquestionable faith that we are going to hear them. They do not wonder if.

They don’t wonder if we are going to come get them, they wait until we do. They know we will come.

Think about how many times Jesus tells His closest followers that they need to have more faith.

These are devoted followers that witnessed Jesus perform miracles first-hand.

Still, when a storm comes their way, they freak out.

***Matthew 8:25-26: And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing!” He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.***

Trust God. He’ll calm storms.

Or when Jesus told Peter to walk on water with Him.

***Matthew 14:28-32: Peter said to Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind stopped.***

We see the storms and our logic tells us to not trust, we begin to lose faith. And we sink.

Or when the disciples tried to cast out a demon.

***Matthew 17:19-20: Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not drive it out?” And He said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.***

All of the amazing things they saw and heard and still their faith fell short.

How about our faith?

We need to pray with faithfulness. Not with hope.

We need to know God is real and present. Not wonder if we’re alone.

***Mark 11:23-24: “Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. “Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.***

Faith is tough, especially in our modern, technologically advanced society.

But God doesn’t change.

***Hebrews 11:3-12, 17-34: The Triumphs of Faith***

 ***3By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. 4By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. 5By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. 6And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. 7By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.***

 ***17By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18it was he to whom it was said, “IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.” 19He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type. 20By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come. 21By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. 22By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. 24By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, 25choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. 27By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. 28By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. 29By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. 31By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace. And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, 33who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.***

All of these amazing things have faith at their center.

So, when we pray, when we seek after God’s will, we don’t need to wonder if He hears, we know He does.

We don’t need to wonder if our prayers will be answered. We should wonder *how* our prayers *will* be answered.

So, though we are trapped in this world, we can always call out to Him, knowing He hears us, knowing He is coming.

And He will lift us up and out of this world to be with Him.