SIMPLE FAITH
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INTRODUCTION

Simple faith in a gracious Savior

KEY POINT: Simple faith in a gracious Savior has incredible power to transform lives

"With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Mark 10:27

TEXT: Mark 10:13-16

Setting: Jesus is moving intentionally toward Jerusalem

Interrupted by children

- **Those who've encountered Jesus want others to encounter Him**

Wanting others to experience something better

The Lord has been so good to me…

Jesus came to make a difference in people's lives

Prayer, nurture relationship, invitation

- **Sometimes we have a way of getting in the way of others getting to Jesus**

"…the disciples rebuked them."

People are kept from Jesus

Well-intentioned disciples

Our own pride: I've got this, I can handle this myself

Our hurts

Our history

Our habits

- **Jesus makes it simple so we can experience His best**

Jesus Himself intervenes so we can experience relationship with Him

Access through faith:

"Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Simple faith: Believe, trust, obey

Opens a door to His best

Simple Faith: how we begin…how we experience

> "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue in him…" Col. 1:6

1. **Turn To**

   Looking to: Giving Priority to - Yielding our lives to Him

   Taking His hand - Begins with a prayer

2. **Rest In**

   We have a part, but we rest in His promise

   Confidence: He has acted, is acting and will act for our good

3. **Receive From**

   He places His hands on…
   Idea of impartation: I'm giving something of me to you

   Recognition we aren't alone, don't have to rely solely on our own strength
   He gives grace for every circumstance
   His Spirit empowers us

4. **Live Out**

   Living the life we were created for
   Walking in obedience
   Walking with purpose

CONCLUSION

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The importance of altar
Prayer and Impartation
We respond to Him