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Mark 10:15 ⇨ ‘I lay this out to you **firmly**: whoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God **as a little child** shall **by no means** enter it.’ What does “**as a little child**” mean? Paul said, “When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things” ⇨ 1 Corinthians 13:11. Paul’s context was putting away *foolishness* ⇨ 1 Corinthians 13:9, **not** the “*wonder of a child*” Jesus was rebuking His disciples (and the Pharisees) for **not** having ⇨ Mark 10:13-14.

What do **little children** have that **children** do not have? **Little children** do not change truth; they **just receive it**. Jesus said **this** is the only way to enter Heaven! ⇨ Mark 10:15. The “*wonder of a child*” comes from **this** purity of heart and mind. God made marriage on earth follow relationship with Him, so **this** is also how to enter a ‘heavenly’ marriage.

Relationship with God **is thrilling!** He made, owns and is every good attribute, and He wants *us* **thrilled**... owing the “*wonder of a child*”. Owning a *wrong* perception of God can make *us* **not thrilled** with Him. Likewise, marriages without such “*wonder of a child*” are **not thrilling**, either. **Are you thrilled with God? Is your marriage thrilling?**

God built Christianity into a relationship, so we cannot own the thrill of knowing Him without engaging Him as He engages us. Psalm 34:3 ⇨ tells us how: by magnifying and declaring. **Magnifying**: so close that everything else looks small. **Declaring**: so loud that everything else sounds quiet. Weddings are great because they have so much magnifying and declaring. Marriages are great, too, when they have much magnifying and declaring.

God is **thrilled with us** ⇨ Zephaniah 3:17 and His thrill does not diminish ⇨ Malachi 3:6 as many marriages do after the wedding day. God calls us to not diminish ⇨ Joel 2:7 nor to associate with those who do ⇨ Proverbs 24:21. Joel 2:1-11 ⇨ shows us a lot thrill, and Joel 2:12-21 ⇨ says that magnifying and declaring is how it happens. **Little children** are great at magnifying and declaring! **So how does this apply to God and marriage?**

The closer we get to our spouse, the more we experience them (all five senses, plus the intimacy of heart, mind and spirit). These made our wedding day **and night** wonderful! Satan does not want you to know that God made marriage to get better and better... not stay the same or get worse. Next year is our 30th wedding anniversary and my passion for my spouse is **HOT**... including while having long term problems that still need answers!

HOW does that happen? The “*wonder of a child*”: magnify and declare their goodness with a pure heart and mind, receiving it without changing it. ‘Changing it’ happens when we redefine our spouse by a wish list instead of the “*wonder of a child*”... hungry to dive deeper and deeper into who God made them to be. Satan wants us unsatisfied; hence his big pornographic push through any media he can influence. Take the hint: that stuff fails.

If your marriage has zero thrill right now: begin spiritually by being loved by God, who separates you from *your* sin. Then see your spouse without *their* irritations (use your imagination at first, if needed). God forgives us and empowers to us forgive each other. **Initiate** forgiveness, **magnify** your spouse’s goodness, **declare** it, and keep diving deeper.

Restore your **thrillability** with your spouse **and God as a little child**. ♥ Loren Falzone