

April 25

Born Again to Be Little Children for the Kingdom

Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with his mother,
like a weaned child is my soul within me. – Ezekiel 34:11-13

[Matthew 19:13-15, Judea] Then little children *and babies* were brought to him, that he should lay his hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked those who were bringing them. But Jesus was moved with indignation. *Jesus summoned them and said, "Allow the little children, and don't forbid them to come to me;*

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for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones like these. Most certainly I tell you, whoever will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child, he will in no way enter into it." He took them in his arms, and blessed them, laid his hands on them, and departed from there. [Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17]

1. How are babies like God's redeemed? Why was Jesus so indignant? Would you be?
2. How will you receive the Kingdom like a baby? What "baby" can you allow to come?
3. Jesus, I receive your Kingdom without any hope of entering on my own power, please...