### SCRIPTURE TEXT:

MARK 9:36-37

#### SERMON TITLE:

"DON'T REBUKE THE CHILDREN"

"Taking a child, HE set him before them, and taking him in HIS arms, HE said to them, "Whoever receives one child like this in MY name receives ME; and whoever receives ME does not receive ME, but HIM who sent ME."

Mark 9:36-37

"Then JESUS called a little child to HIMSELF and set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Matthew 18:2-3** 

"Therefore, whoever then humbles himself as this little child, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Whoever receives one little child like this in MY name receives ME."

**Matthew 18:4-5** 

"Then little children were brought to HIM so that HE might lay HIS hands on them and pray; but the disciples rebuked them."

But Jesus said,

**Matthew 19:13** 

"Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to ME; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' "

Matthew 19:14

"And they were bringing children to HIM so that HE might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this,

HE was indignant and said to them,..."

Mark 10:13a

"Permit the children to come to ME; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all."

Mark 10:13b

"And they were bringing even their infant babies to HIM so that HE would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they began rebuking them. But JESUS called for them, saying, "

Luke 18:15

"Permit the children to come to ME, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all."

Luke 18:16-17

"But Jesus, knowing what they were thinking in their heart, took a child and stood him by HIS side, and said to them,

"Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me,...

Luke 9:47-48a

"...and whoever receives ME receives HIM who sent ME;

For the one who is least among all of you, this is the one who is great."

Luke 9:48b

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of MY FATHER who is in heaven.

"So it is not the will of your FATHER who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

Matthew 18:10, 14

## SERMONIC POINTS:

(1)...VULNERABLE

(2)...VALUABLE

(3)...OCCUPATION

# VULNERABL

"CHILDREN ARE IN CPS MORESO BECAUSE OF NEGLECT VS. PHYSICAL ABUSE!"

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Luke 18:15

"CHILDREN & YOUTH ARE VALUABLE TO GOD!" "Taking a child, HE set him before them, and taking him in HIS arms, HE said to them, "Whoever receives one child like this in MY name receives ME; and whoever receives ME does not receive ME, but HIM who sent ME."

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"CHILDREN WILL ONE DAY BE EXALTED WITH GOD!" "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of MY FATHER who is in heaven.

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