

“Excuse Me ‘Funder’!”

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He (Jesus) replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid? Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm." Matthew 8:26 (NIV)

Hannah Kate, my 3 year old, is not a big fan of lighting and thunder. A few weeks ago, a powerful strand of thunderstorms rolled through Charlotte at dusk. Hannah Kate quickly ran to me and I scooped her up tightly. She expressed her dislike of lightning and “funder” and asked me what I thought of the storm. Easing her fears a bit, I explained that I actually enjoyed the majestic power of thunderstorms. We talked about who created the storms and the benefit they produced by watering the earth. It was a great 101 discussion of God’s sovereignty even in a scary life moment.

I then asked Hannah Kate if she’d like to go outside for a few minutes with daddy to safely listen to the rain and thunder and see the lightning up close. Believe it or not...she concurred, pending a tight hold from daddy. So we proceeded outside to our covered porch and saw lighting flashes and heard the pounding thunder. After about 60 seconds, loud thunder approached closer and Hannah Kate decided she had enough of the experience, so we returned back inside.

Later that night in the middle of Hannah Kate’s bedtime prayer, the interrupting thunder *CRACKED* again outside rattling the windows loud enough to surely create immediate panic in her. But instead, Hannah Kate calmly paused without flinch and looked outside with complete calmness and declared, **“Excuse me ‘funder’, we don’t interrupt peoples when they are praying”**. Her fear of thunder had subsided with a dose of the same confidence Jesus had when he rebuked the wind and the waves!

Why is it that FAITH is often times more difficult to achieve the older we get? Christ reminds us that we must have faith like these little children. "I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Mark 10:14-15 (NKJV)

As we fast and pray for our church, search committee, and new pastor and family, ask God to remove our worries and fears, and to increase our faith like a child with a teachable heart.

PRAYER POINT: "Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day."
Psalm 25:4-5 (NKJV)