

"I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."

Mark 10: 15-16

There is a photograph on our bedroom wall of our son, Brian, when he was probably just 2 years old. He is standing at the ocean's edge, holding his father's hand. The picture is taken from way up the beach, and as you look down the sand to the shore you see a tiny boy and his father looking out into the huge ocean. There is no fear, just safe in his father's hand. In order to feel safe in his father's hand and for us to feel safe in our Father's hand, there must be an element of trust. Brian trusted his dad and knew that no harm would come to him. When we trust our Heavenly Father, we feel very safe because no harm will come to us, along with God's help, that we cannot handle.

Jesus took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them. The children probably did not fully understand who Jesus was, but, as with our dads, Jesus surrounded them with love, caring and security. They knew they were safe, just as we know we are safe in our earthly father's hands and in our heavenly Father's hand.

I love the words to the hymn:

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Thru the storm, thru the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Whether it is a storm, a huge ocean or a multitude of other cares, He will take our hand. He will be there for us, if we but trust, and let Him hold our hand.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for our earthly fathers and our heavenly Father. We know that if we but trust You and place our hand in Yours, we will be safe. Thank You for loving us and caring for us by holding our hand, especially when we need it the most. Amen.

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