

FAITH TO BELIEVE

And without faith, it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

HE extended his hand to me. It was rough, dirty and scarred. The hand belonged to Jesus and he was extending his hand to me, inviting me to take it. At first, I was afraid because I wasn't sure where we were going. But then something came over me and I grabbed the hand and held on for dear life.

I told Jesus that I believe in Him. It was THE FATHER, our HEAVENLY GOD, the maker and creator of everything and I was a little scared, unsure. Perhaps it's because of pictures I've seen of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, etc. However, I have never seen a picture of God and I wonder what he looks like.

One day my question will be answered. I will wait until the Pearly Gates of Heaven are opened for me. Until then I am holding tightly to Jesus' hand and allowing Him to guide me through life.

Asking Jesus why His hands looked the way they do, He replied, "Because of all the rough and bumpy roads my followers take me on." I, for one, have taken Jesus on a roller coaster ride at times. I later realized that I should have prayed and asked for guidance and wisdom. Many times, I thought I knew better than God.

As I follow Jesus and mature I have learned that I need to place difficulties in God's hands and leave them there.

I am learning to allow Him to do his will at his pace and timing even if the plan doesn't make sense to me.

As a child of God, I'm learning that God is my Father, my parent and who better to trust than my Father, God! After all, He created me and loves me with all my flaws and strengths.

GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL

Thank you God, for sending your son, Jesus, to extend His hand to me. Help me to allow you to lead me because You know best.

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