

Kingdom Kids Testimony:

My Testimony - by Becky Stayton

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In the fall of 2018 the Lord started putting a burden on my heart for the kids of our branch, elementary age and older. There are so many distractions for them and us as parents and grandparents. Many of the children only get to Sunday School occasionally and then sit through the service that is not geared for them. We have a wonderful Junior Church for our little people and youth groups for the older ones, but the middle grades (ages 8 and up) do not have much to keep them involved and included.

At the time, I was feeling too busy already and I didn't think I could add one more thing. I really didn't think I had what it took to do whatever the Lord was asking me to do. But the burden kept pressing.

As I was fighting with the Lord over this, resources started coming to me. A sister handed me a book about prayer ministry for children. I was trying to figure out how to make these ideas work in a Sunday School situation. I couldn't figure out how to make it work. I kept trying to figure out exactly what the Lord had in mind. I went back and forth for a while.

One day, I was reading my scriptures and going through an inner struggle. I could feel the Lord wanting me to relinquish my will and fears to him. I journaled my fears and doubts. Then, I looked down and the scripture in the 4th chapter in Mark that popped out was,

"Peace be still."

I continued reading.

"Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?"

And later in chapter 5, "Be not afraid, only believe."

His spirit washed over me and I wept. I told him I would trust Him.

As I relinquished my will to his, ideas started flowing. He gave me the name of the meetings - Kingdom Kids, the basic format and a Kingdom Kid poem. I tried to find a tune for it, but it seemed to lend itself better to a chant or rap. It came while I was sleeping, in the wee hours of the morning. I wrote down the verse and tried to go back to sleep. The next one came, and then the next.

Next, the Lord started giving me stories to write. I would be given the beginning of the story but not know where it was going until later on in the day when He would inspire me to continue the story. The stories are all about Kingdom living in today's world.

In March, a friend sent a video to me about transformational prayer by George Otis Jr. (<https://vimeo.com/96048129> minute marker 56) He told about his two year old daughter

who had drowned in a swimming pool. He asked a group of children to pray and his daughter was miraculously brought back from death and had NO residual effects of having been dead or in a coma.

When he mentioned the children praying, God's spirit surged through me and it almost felt like an electric shock. I gasped and almost began weeping. It was as if the Holy Spirit was saying PAY ATTENTION! I now KNOW that prayer is a very important part of Kingdom Kids. Maybe even the MOST important part.

After that video, I asked the Lord to show me specifically how He wanted all of the pieces He had given me to be used. That night before bed, I picked up a book on my night stand. I had gathered quite a large stack of books that might be helpful. This one was called *Kid's Gap*. I looked through it this time and realized that EVERYTHING the Lord had given me so far fit perfectly in the lessons outlined in this book. All of His stories He had me write, the Armor of God and the Keys of the Kingdom. Everything. In fact, I think it was one of the first books given to me many months before. I was amazed at the way everything fit together like a puzzle.

Since then, the Lord has brought others on board with this project. The Lord has let me know that He will grow the ministry, not us. All I know is that the Lord loves his children and this is for them. He is in charge.

This is not just another program to keep kids busy. This is not for entertainment purposes, although we have some fun activities planned. This is for kids that are serious about their commitment to the Lord that want to be involved in God's kingdom on earth. This is preparing for Zion and His heavenly kingdom through prayer, scripture, song, witnessing and service.

*For part of my testimony see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6CoYgQ1kAY>
My part about 8 minutes starting at about 20 minutes into the service.*