

Jesus and the Children!

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Being Commander Kellie isn't just a role or character I play. I believe part of God's assignment on my life is to think about you, pray for you, encourage and teach you.

There is a story in Isaiah I want you to know, because Jesus wants you to understand how important you are to Him—especially in the days ahead. Let me give you a little background.

Isaiah was an Old Testament prophet in the days before Jesus was born. God would speak to people through His prophets, and express not only His love and care for them but also His correction and displeasure. Many times, God would give the prophet instructions for the people but they would stubbornly refuse to listen.

To convince King Ahaz of His promise, the Lord used Isaiah's sons to let the king know that God would be with him in battle and that he would win. Isaiah said, “Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion” (Isaiah 8:18).

King Ahaz was too afraid of his enemies to believe that God could help him. He did not receive the word of the Prophet Isaiah or Isaiah's sons God had sent to him, as signs that he would win the battle. God had earlier offered him another special sign that he would win: God had said, through Isaiah, that a son would be born to a virgin and He would be called Emmanuel, God with us (Isaiah 7:1-14).

Anybody know who that baby was? Yes, it was Jesus!

King Ahaz refused to believe the sign of the Son of God, much less the sons of Isaiah and, you guessed it, he lost the battle.

Superkids, God sends His words by messengers, prophecies, signs and wonders so we will believe that He will do great things through His people. One other way He speaks to us about His plans is to point back to things that have already happened. We can read the Bible about the past and God will show us His plans for the future. For instance, the promise the Lord made to King Ahaz wasn't only for him. It was bigger than him. God's promise to send Jesus to the world was for all people!

That makes me realize that Isaiah's sons being called to be a sign and wonder wasn't just about King Ahaz. Isaiah and his children were a picture, or a prophecy, of Jesus and His children. The Bible says in Hebrews 2:11-13, *The Passion Translation*:

Jesus, the Holy One, makes us holy. And as sons and daughters, we now belong to his same Father, so he is not ashamed or embarrassed to introduce us as his brothers and sisters! For he has said, “I will reveal who you really are to my brothers and sisters, and I will glorify you with praises in the midst of the congregation.” And, “My confidence rests in God!” And again he says, “Here I am, one with the children Yahweh has given me.”

Jesus came so that you and I would be one with Him as sons and daughters of Father God. In

reality, you and I are the children of God! Jesus claims us as His own when He says, “Here I am, one with the children Yahweh has given me.” Just as Isaiah claimed his sons, Jesus is claiming us as His own. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit put Their love, Their glory and Their light on you and marked you as Their own for all to see.

Picture Jesus expressing Himself fully through you. What would that look like? Write down some things you can see you and Jesus doing together. Remember why He uses a sign? To convince people of His love for them, to show them the way to come to Him. You are called to bring people face to face with the Jesus in you.

Superkid, I believe we have so much to learn and to do—not only *for* Jesus, but *with* Jesus. Psalm 71:18 is my prayer over my ministry to you (though He won't walk away and I'm not old!): “God, now that I'm old and gray, don't walk away. Give me grace to demonstrate to the next generation all your mighty miracles and your excitement, to show them your magnificent power!”

Everybody say AMEN!

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