

ADVENT DEVOTION: DECEMBER 7, 2022

ISAIAH 6:1-13 THE MAIN THING

In my life and in my career I have spent many, many hours listening to children tell stories. Stories that sometimes are short, simple and quick to the point. But more often than not stories that are full of imaginative descriptions that could fill a bucket and have no real bearing on the story itself. I have to admit that I often get lost in the details of the story and have to take a step back to find the main objective of the story. Sometimes I just really want to know why “the dragon swooped in with cotton candy in its hand and landed in the sandbox” instead of focusing on the point of the story.

This passage from Isaiah is so full of imagery and information that it's a little difficult to take it all in. And it's certainly easy to get lost in all of the details rather than focusing on the main objective: when you recognize God in your life, your life changes.

I truly believe that when a person fully understands the grace of God, there is no turning back. You are changed. This is when you have to answer the call. This is when you become a disciple. There are more speculations and questions than we will ever be able to ask, answer or understand. But as Stephen Covey said, “The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.”

CHALLENGE:

Are you lost in the details? How can you stay focused on the main thing?

PRAYER:

God of light,
Thank you for making a way for us in this world. Forgive us for not opening ourselves to fully understand your gifts. Help us live our lives as an answered call. In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

~Janie Bruce