



Mr. Frog, Mr. Frog, Where Have You Been?

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Dear Beautiful G.G. (God-Seeking Girlfriend),

This story was told me last week by a young mother G.G.

Her six-year old daughter was thrilled. They had lived in Arkansas for less than a year and she had already found a REAL LIVE FROG, and it was not just a little frog. That frog was bigger than her mother's fist! What a find.

But it was time to go to school, so Mom said it was alright to bring it inside and put it in the big bathtub where it wouldn't be able to jump out and get away. Three-year old baby brother could keep an eye on it during the day.

Mom had gotten her sweet daughter out the door for school and could hear her son giggling in the bathroom. His laughter was contagious. He was cackling uncontrollably. With a smile on her face she tiptoed to the bathroom door to see what had her son so enthralled.

Her smile faded.

Standing in the middle of the whirlpool tub, her son was clutching the giant, germ infested amphibian and he was using HER electric toothbrush to tickle the frog's tummy!

How do I react when a circumstance turns out to be something I didn't expect?

Do I immediately let emotion guide my reaction?

Do I give myself a moment to try to see it through our Father's eyes?

Do I let myself experience circumstances as a child?

Do I allow myself to think outside the box?

Can I be in the moment?

Verses we can boldly pray:

"Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart." Proverbs 3:3 NAS

"I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Mark 10:15 NIV

This young mother took a deep breath let it out and then started giggling with her baby boy. Startled, the toddler spotted his mother, but didn't stop the electronic tummy tickle torture. As Mom and son continued to enjoy the wiggly frog, Mommy thought, "I wonder what else he has used my electric toothbrush for?"

Interactive Questions:

1. Note a time in the last week when a circumstance did not materialize as you had expected.
2. Did you react or did you consult the Father?
3. What is an area in which you could be more childlike?
4. Give thanks to God for allowing things to happen NOT as we had planned.

Beautiful G.G., let's try to see the world this week from the eyes of a child but react with the wisdom of a woman who seeks the Lord.



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