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“You are a child of God”

Before God, who is eternal, you are much more a child than, before you, the tiniest toddler. And besides being a child, you are a child of God. —Don't forget it. (The Way, 860)

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Have you noticed what a great difference there is between a child falling and a fall by an adult? In the case of children, most falls are unimportant; they are always falling over! If they do start crying, their

father tells them: 'Look here now, men don't cry.' And the incident ends with the child trying earnestly to please his father...

If we try to act like them, our stumbling and failures in the interior life (which, moreover, are inevitable) will never result in bitterness. Our reaction will be one of sorrow but not discouragement, and we'll smile with a smile that gushes up like fresh water out of the joyous awareness that we are children of that Love, that grandeur, that infinite wisdom, that mercy, that is our Father. During the years I have been serving Our Lord, I have learned to become a little child of God. I would ask you to do likewise, to be *quasi modo geniti infantes*, children who long for God's word, his bread, his food, his strength, to enable us to behave henceforth as Christian men and women. (Friends of God, 146)

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