



A MATTER OF FAITH

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the person she is. She is very driven to excel at whatever she does. No challenge is too big and she will take it on with a determination to succeed.

My eldest son is brilliant and creative. His mind never stops working and he is constantly seeking answers. He is witty and will pull stuff out of the air that is hilarious. He has a tremendous strength about his personhood. He is truly one of a kind.

My youngest son lights up a room by walking into it. He brings joy with him no matter where he goes. He also has a tremendous gift for problem solving. The wheels in his mind are always turning coming up with solutions to problems. It is fascinating how his mind works and how he pieces things together.

It is very easy to write about my kids. I could fill this newspaper and several books with the wonders of these four incredible peo-

ple. The point is that each one is unique. Each one is gifted in their own way. Each one of them teaches me about their creator by just being who they are. They reflect the glory of their heavenly father.

There is absolutely no doubt that I am very biased. They are my four wonderful kids. They are also my greatest teachers when it comes to getting to know God better. By loving them and getting to know them better, I become closer to God and understanding who he is.

It is one thing to learn from knowledge transfer, it is entirely another to live out something. It becomes more concrete and weaves itself into your DNA. By God placing attributes of himself in those around us, he has given us an ever present lesson about who he is. We live amongst beings made in his likeness.

We were designed to be in relationship with one another. We were made to love and be loved. We were

designed to live out life with others. Perhaps one of the reasons for this is that we can see aspects of God in flesh and blood through the lives of the people around us. By taking the time to observe the qualities God

placed in others and ourselves we can know him better. Every good thing comes directly from him. He designed it and created it. He is the author of everything.

ing. I feel very loved by her because she has taken the time to walk alongside me and track with me on how I am doing. Her compassion for others is a true gift to

Extraordinary Lesson

those who know her. She has a creative spark that reflects the one who created her.

My youngest daughter loves whole heartedly and has more friends than I can count. She is a great friend. She is loyal and trustworthy. Her charisma is drawn from her character. People are drawn to her because of

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