

Who's in Charge Here?

With their mother close by, a good friend asked two young brothers a question and got one profound answer.

On Tuesday mornings, a church men's group met early before the workday began. When the program was over, a group of mothers with their young children convened right afterwards in another building close to the men's group. One morning my friend, Bill, left the men's group and walked to his car in the parking lot.

As he neared his vehicle, he came across a mother with her two young sons. The youngest son was about two and the older one seemed to be age four. Both were smartly dressed, and their hair was combed. As their mother was locking the minivan she cautioned the boys, "Wait, before crossing the street," since they were no longer holding her hands.

Bill then asked the brothers with some amusement, "Who's in charge here?" Being young, the boys took Bill's question seriously. The oldest started, "I...", and stopped.

The youngest said, "Mm (to begin saying Mom) ...," and said nothing more.

There was a brief pause. Then, as if on cue, both brothers chimed together, "God's in charge and Mommy helps out!"

The mother chuckled and looked at Bill with a big smile on her face. As a grandfather, Bill was surprised and amazed with the boys' answer.

In reading Matthew 18:2-6, we can learn much from children that God puts in our path.

Questions to Ponder?

- 1. Do you believe that the naivety of children can teach adults a thing or two?*
- 2. What have you learned from a child, from your own children or young ones in your family?*
- 3. Whether you believe in God or not, what do you think about establishing belief foundations early in children's lives?*
What do you think is important to children you know – gifts, your time, and/or they know you love them unconditionally?

Who's in Charge Here? is written by Charles H. Castle. The purpose of this non-fiction short story is to inspire, empower, encourage and give opportunities to smile, laugh, and questions to ponder. His book *Who's in Charge Here?* is available on Amazon and you can reach the author in Colorado Springs, CO at CharlesCastle.com or CharlesCastle07@gmail.com.