

“The Greatness of Small Things”

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In the greatest story ever told, God uses a series of little incidents, little tasks, little people and little places. The announcement of the Angels to the shepherds on the Messiah's arrival revealed the God's plan (Lk. 2:7-11). In a little town in Bethlehem, the Savior was born wrapped in swaddling clothes to a lowly and humble mother and a silent father. God knew the world needs forgiveness and redemption; thus, He sends His only begotten Son in ways the world did not expect.

- 1. God uses little people.** In the Bible, God called Mary and St. Joseph to be the parents of the Messiah. They were known to be humble and obedient servants of God. Likewise, the shepherds, who were treated as social outcasts, were chosen to receive the angel's announcement. They were the first to see the baby Jesus. In our current times, we face the same dilemma of a divine announcement. Do we follow God's plan no matter how simple it might be in our standards?
- 2. God uses little things.** At Jesus's birth, His parents used the manger, the stable and the swaddling clothes to welcome Him. He was born with little things just enough to be protected. He was born in nature like a servant (Phi. 2:8-9). Jesus uses the imagery of little things to reveal great lessons (Matt. 10:29-31, Matt. 13:31-31).
- 3. God uses little places.** Jesus was born in the little town of Bethlehem under an animal shelter. As an adult, He lived in the region Galilee in a town named Nazareth. The apostle Nathaniel was surprised by Jesus' residence (Jn. 1:46).
- 4. God uses little tasks.** Jesus preached to crowds on the mountains; but He also took time to talk with a Samaritan woman. A small task can influence someone's life. A mother can influence her child to be close to God. A security guard can share the gospel to anyone. Even if we feel small about ourselves or the tasks we have, God can still use us. Our little acts of kindness bring forth great reward. The little things done for God are great in His eyes.

5. God uses our little tasks to bring great results and blessings. In Lk. 2, the shepherds shared what they saw to the small town in Bethlehem. During Jesus ministry, He chose ordinary and mostly uneducated men to be His apostles. God uses ordinary persons to give Christianity to the world. God looks at our everyday actions to determine our faith. He judges us on what we do to the least of our brothers (Matt. 25:31-46). A person's true heart is revealed not by what they do on the stage, but they do in the shadows.

6. How can we show faithfulness?
 - 6.1 Work hard even in a menial job.
 - 6.2 Strive for excellence in work.
 - 6.3 Do what we can for the poor.
 - 6.4 Take care of things we have received.
 - 6.5 Show respect to people below us.
 - 6.6 Take care of our physical body.
 - 6.7 Fulfill our commitments.
 - 6.8 Share the faith with others at every opportunity
 - 6.9 Be honest always.
 - 6.10 Worship the Lord with sincerity.
 - 6.11 Admit our mistakes in humility.
 - 6.12 Perform our chores with positive attitude.

Conclusion:

God uses little things to do great things to the world. Our lives though little can do great things for God (1. Cor 10. 11). The little things in our lives can be greater if we offer them to the Lord. Let us be faithful in little things (Lk. 16:10-13). If we chose to honor God in a simple way, it would become great to others. God uses the little things at Christmas to save the world

Reflection:

1. What are your tasks that bring honor to God?
3. What are the best ways to prepare yourself for greater things for God?

Prayer: “Lord, help make us be truly grateful and appreciative as we count our blessings each day. In your grace let us live today with a thankful heart, for Jesus' sake. Amen.”