

# THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS

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**“For who hath despised the day of small things?”**

ZACHARIAH 4:10

Someone has said:

“Little words are the sweetest to hear.  
 Little birds fly the furthest and stay longest on the wing.  
 Little lakes are the stillest.  
 Little hearts are the fullest.  
 Little farms are best filled.  
 Little books are the most read.  
 Little songs are the dearest loved.”

When God made anything especially rare and beautiful, he made it little like little pearls/little diamonds. Life is made up of little things. The word *despised* in Zachariah 4:10 reflects an attitude of contempt. It tells of a state of mind which looks at a situation or circumstance and counts it of little value. Who is it that can look at little things and make light of them or count them of little worth? We need to remember that compared to God’s universe, our planet is very small or very little.

We are standing only on one atom of God’s material creation. Our bodies are only a small part of this world. What we experience in our bodies is measured by 5 little senses. Our lives are measured by little breaths and little heartbeats. Who has despised the day of small things? Certainly not God. The Bible says that he notices the falling of a sparrow. He clothes the lilies of the field. He numbers the hair upon our heads (even the ones that have gone on 😊).

It is mind boggling to me when I think on the details of how God took small things and brought them into being in an immeasurable universe. The process of growth is the work of His hands. **Growth is too delicate for the naked eye to see.** We see the *outcome* of growth. We don’t actually see the inner-working of growth as it is actually happening in real time or with our naked eye. Think about the development of the unborn child for example. Think on that.



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**Mankind is guilty of underestimating the value of little things. It is not easy to know what is small. What is small in its beginning may not be so small in its ending.**

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Small things best describe the work of Zerubbabel (in Ezra 3). The foundation of the temple that he attempted to rebuild was so small in the eyes of those who had seen the glory of the former that they wept in a loud voice at the comparison. Many of the Jews saw this effort to restore the worship of their fathers as a weak and worthless thing. It had such an insignificant beginning that it was doomed to failure; it would come to nothing.

Those who returned from the captivity in Babylon to rebuild the temple were few and feeble. **Their work was attacked by the doubts of the skeptical and the misrepresentation of the slanderous; by the selfish calculations of the cold-hearted. Among their number, were those who feared the most and hoped the least; those who were always looking at the negative side of things and dwelt more on past failures than present success. They reckoned on things rather than reckoning on God. This always makes things look small.** Although the work seemed small, God had assured them it would be finished and its glory would exceed all of the glory of the former temple. What seemed so small was deceiving in its appearance. It has always been in the purpose of God to work in small things. The day of small things is God's day. Elijah prayed as he sent his servant to the top of Mount Carmel and, on the seventh time, he came back and saw a little cloud about the size of a man's hand. Jesus came into this world as a small baby. His ministry began with a small circle of 12 men. The Bible tells us that God has chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise and the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty.

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**We need to remember that His strength is made perfect in our weakness.**

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I encourage you to keep focused. We are almost mid-way through the month. Measure your progress by more than the number of meals you have missed. Are you growing? We will ask for everybody to abstain from all meat other than chicken, fish, and seafood. Keep the other things that we have asked you to take out of your diet and daily routine for the duration of the fast as well. You may have 16 ounces of 100% juice during your lunchtime.

### **Our Corporate Prayer Objectives**

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**For a Greater Utterance to be given to us ~  
that every member would speak the Word of God boldly!**

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**For Greater Influence of the ministry**

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**The Salvation of Souls, Church Maturity, Our Nation and Troops, the upcoming Retreats.**

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