



LET'S VISIT

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THE VALUE OF SMALL THINGS

For many years the Hebrew people had been enslaved in Egypt. In their distress, God heard their groaning and decided to do something about it. In the story of their deliverance we see how God uses ordinary people and ordinary things to accomplish His purposes. It is a strange thing how powerful people become when they turn themselves over to the Lord. Moses Spent 40 years thinking he was somebody while he was growing up in the palace of Pharaoh. Then he spent the next 40 years learning he was a nobody while tending the sheep of his father-in-law on the back side of nowhere. So we see Moses in Exodus chapters 3 and 4 at the age of 80, having very little to show as his accomplishments in life. He was a tongue tied shepherd with an inferiority complex who had trouble putting his thought together. There was absolutely nothing about his appearance or his disposition that would mark him as a mighty leader.

Yet, after he had spent 40 years thinking he was somebody, and 40 years learning he was nobody, he spent the last 40 years of his life discovering what God can do with a nobody. When Moses submitted to the Lord and allowed the Lord to direct him, he became one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known. The Lord asked Moses a simple question, "What is that – in thy hand?" Moses answered, "A rod". It was an ordinary rod, made of wood, fashioned for a specific purpose, most likely a staff or a shepherd's crook. It did not have any jewels on it, there was no elaborate ornamentation on it, and it was never owned by a king or a queen.

Something that was a simple stick in the hand of Moses, became by the power of God the force that brought the plagues on the land of Egypt, divided the Red Sea so that the people could cross, delivered a

mighty nation from bondage, brought water from a rock and won a battle. God gives mighty powers to small things. Weak men under the direction of the Lord become mighty leaders. Little sticks in the hands of men become mighty powers in the hands of God.

The young shepherd boy David had nothing in his hand but 5 smooth small stones and a sling. Yet, he was going up against a giant with a spear as large as a weaver's beam. Yet, as David went out that day to face Goliath, David came in the name of the Lord and that made all the difference. That made a puny sling and five small stones mighty in the hand of that Shepherd Boy.

In Damson's hand one day there was only the dry jaw bone of an ass. Yet, by the power of God it became a lethal weapon. It was capable of destroying the enemy. The widow of I Kings 17 had only a little meal and a cruse of oil. Yet, according to the word of the prophet of God, she surrendered her meal and oil to God. It became enough provision for the woman, her son and the prophet of God for a very long time.

One day, there was a hungry multitude following Jesus. The hour was growing late and they had not eaten. Jesus was not going to send them away hungry. Andrew brought a young lad to Jesus who
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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport – 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239 – 6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



The Religion of the Second Mile

For The Pantry. . .
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had his sack lunch of 5 barley loaves and two fish. Not very much. But when it was turned over to Jesus, he used that small lunch to feed 5,000 people.

When they are surrendered to the Lord, little things become powerful. When we fully surrender to Jesus, he can do great things with us!

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The Little Nail

(Note: In the event you ever doubt your importance, or the importance of 1, last Sunday was had 29 people present for worship. Just 1 more person would have made our number 30. Were you that 1?)

As the story goes, a new church building was built and people came from far and wide to see it, and admire its beauty. Up on the roof of the building, a little nail heard the people praising everything about the lovely new structure, except the nail. No one even knew he was there and he became very angry and jealous.

'If I am that insignificant, nobody will miss me if I quit!'

So the nail released its hold of the roof shingle it had been holding in place, then slid down the roof and fell into a muddy patch of ground.

That night it rained and rained, and the wind blew hard. Soon, the shingle that had no nail holding it in place blew away and the roof began to

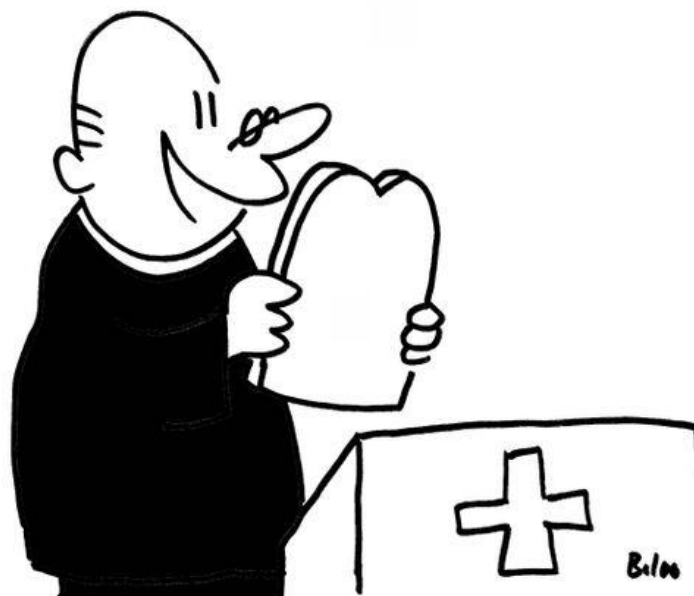
leak. The water streaked the walls and the beautiful murals. The plaster began to fall off the walls, the carpet was stained and the pulpit was badly damaged. All this because a little nail decided to quit.

Remember that like the nail, no matter how small you think you are, you have an important role to play in the church.

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Each One Bring One!
53 in '23
Invite Someone Each Week!

On The Lighter Side. . .



"We're going to start this week's sermon with a review of the basics...."

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For anything worth having one must pay the price; and the price is always work, patience, love, self-sacrifice – no paper currency, no promises to pay, but the gold of real service.



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

**Make your plans to be here and
bring a guest (or 2)**

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Hospitality Group 1 will be in charge of this luncheon.
The members of that group are: Marsha Bounds,
LaResa Livingston, Batty Miller, Lisa Miller and
Melonia Molloy.

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August 30, 2023

6:00 p.m.

**Please make your plans to
come and join us.**

We started the Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
last year, with the intent and hope that it would be an
encouragement for those who were not coming on
Wednesday night to join us for the mid-week service.
We still need more “bodies in benches” on Wednesday
night just like we do on Sunday Mornings. If you can
join us, come and be a part of our Wednesday Night
Services.

Make your plans to be in Bible Class

9:45 Sunday Morning

7:00 Wednesday Evening



Glynn Hartt (friend of Cissy Amos) is hospitalized with a collapsed
lung and has been hospitalized for the past month.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Leon Aldridge, Roxie Bostick, Gene Bradshaw,
Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves,
Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Louise Johnson, LaResa
Livingston, Mike O'Brien, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate,
Wayne Sims, Betty Willis**

“EXTENDED FAMILY” AND FRIENDS

Cody Anthony (LaResa Livingston's nephew) **Mitchell
Anthony** (LaResa Livingston's brother), **Minion Bean**-(Mike
O'Brien's mother) recovering from a fall and hip surgery),
Aleshia Bradshaw (Gene & Martha Bradshaw's
granddaughter in law) **Brenda Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's
sister in law) recovering from knee surgery; **Curtis Bradshaw**
(Gene Bradshaw's brother) recovering from pneumonia; **Ron
Cone** (Laura Miller's dad), **Celina Danley** (Sister of Joyce
Danley) multiple health issues, **Hugh and Pat Fletcher**
(Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with
multiple health issues) **Gail Foster** (Cancer) **Bobbie Gray**
(Jerry Pate's Aunt) **Geneva Harrison** (Mike Bostick's mother)
John Henry Holloway (Martha Jean Golden's son) **Suzanne
Ihlo** (Martha Jean Golden's sister recovering from a stroke)
Debbie Lynn (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory
issues) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple
health issues) **Reba Miley** (friend of Debra Pate) **Vervan
Pate** (Jerry Pate's brother) is being treated for stomach
cancer. **Al Reick** (Robbie Holt's brother-in-law) pancreatic
cancer. **Stephanie Richard** (Friend of Norma Perkins)
cancer; **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood
pressure issues; **Michael Smith** (Debra Pate's cousin) is
being treated for lung cancer in Green Acres; **Suellen Swank**
(friend of Norma Perkins) **J. C. and Pat Tate** (Jana O'Brien's
mother and father) **Myrtle Turner** (Norma Perkins Mother) **Wes
Wiesemer** (Gene Bradshaw's nephew) recovering from a
stroke and also suffering with cancer: **Clark Paul Williams**
(LaResa Livingston's cousin)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

**Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw,
Michele Bradshaw Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate**



Across The Preacher's Desk

I read the other day about a man who took flying lessons. At the end of the course, he passed his tests and got his pilot's license. So, one of the first things he does is take his wife up for a ride. As they were flying along, among the clouds he finally commented, "It surely is nice up here, no back seat driving. You are not constantly telling me to watch out, slow down, use my turn signal. It's nice not listening to all of that". That is when she said, "look out for those birds".

You see there is just no getting away from "back-seat drivers". They are like critics, every calling of life has its back-seat drivers and critics. They are always the ones who could do it better than you could and are glad to tell you that they could.

We find them in the community. Whatever comes up, they have all the answers and are free with their criticisms. They are in our families. They can tell others how to raise children. They are in the church. They have the answer to any question that comes up and never have to study a Bible to have that answer. They can put the preacher in his place and they can get the leaders of the church "told" in no uncertain terms. They know everything that is wrong and seldom see anything that is right.

Yes. Back seat drivers (critics) are everywhere. They are "swift to speak and slow to hear". Let's make sure we aren't one of them.

it's something to think about.....tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
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53 in '23!**