



Part 3: You Have to Start Small
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Some New Friends

Zechariah: A prophet of God (520 B.C.) who was calling God's people to complete the rebuilding of the temple in the face of great discouragement and opposition

Zerubbabel: The man who was given the task of leading the temple construction

Zechariah 4:6-10

⁶So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

⁷"What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁹"The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.

¹⁰"Who despises the day of small things? Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel."

God's message to all who attempt to pay the high cost of living:

You can't do this on your own power – *Not by might...*

You can't do this with corporate power– *Nor by power...*

You can only do this with God's power! – *...but by my Spirit*

The Big Question

What are you, O mighty mountain?

Before _____ (your name) you will become like level ground.

The end result for one who is willing to pay the high cost of obedience:

The job gets done!

Verses 8-9: Then the word of the LORD came to me: "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; **his hands will also complete it.** Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you." (*emphasis mine*)

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How do I get started?

1. You start **small**. *Who despises the day of small things? (vs. 10a)*

Sin starts small: One lie
 One compromise
 One unchecked thought
 One entitlement
 One choice to do nothing

Godliness starts small: One truth
 One commitment
 One verse
 One prayer
 One relationship

2. You start in **obedience**.

Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. (vs. 10b)

Examples: **Noah** (*Genesis 6-9*)
 David (*1 Samuel 17*)
 Jesus (*Luke 2 and Matthew 27*)

God rejoices in what is right, not what is big.

Next Steps

- Tonight is the final night to join 12 Steps: A Spiritual Journey. Start small and make the commitment to come and find wholeness.
- Make *one* commitment to start each day with *one* relationship at the center of your life, *one* verse to carry with you through the day and *one* prayer about your spiritual growth.

On Your Way Home

Look around the car. What is the smallest thing you can actually see and put on the tip of your finger? How is that little thing like you?

Small Group Discussion Questions



1. What is the smallest yet most precious article that you possess? What makes it so valuable?
2. What is the biggest accomplishment of your life? How did that huge milestone start out small?
3. Have you ever tackled a project that seemed insurmountable? What did God teach you about yourself in that process of completion?
4. Is there a small beginning have you been neglecting? What is it? What small step can you take today to get back on track?
5. What other lessons can you learn from Zechariah and Zerubbabel?
6. How can we pray for you tonight?