

Starting Small

Part 1 of the *Small Things* series

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Small – of limited size; of comparatively restricted dimensions; not big;
little – of no great size or importance

Things – some entity, object, or creature that is not or cannot be specifically designated or precisely described

Small Things quiz:

- A marathon begins with one step.
- A recipe begins with one ingredient.
- A song begins with one note.
- A revolution begins with one change.
- A life begins with one breath.
- A fortune begins with one dollar.
- A change begins with one decision.

The world's question – What's the next BIG thing?

“Bigger” ends up leaving us:

- Tired (trying to keep up)
- Overwhelmed (Anxious/stressed/out of control)
- Discontent (Wanting more)
- Distracted (Noisy/Busy)

The King of the Universe becomes a small baby (Matthew 1:21)

Jesus said if we have faith, the size of a mustard seed (Matthew 17:20)

Jesus said if we want to be great in His kingdom, we must take a small role and become the servant of all (Mark 9:35)

Jesus said if we were faithful in small things, we would be entrusted with big things (Luke 16:10)

The God of Heaven speaks in a still small voice

“Go out and stand before me on the mountain,” the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

1 Kings 19:11-13

God said, “Start small”

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand.

Zechariah 4:10 NLT

The Spoken Objections: “I tried it and it didn't work.”

- In whose strength did you start small?
- What was your true motivation to start small?
- Who picked the “small thing”?

Today we are going to start small and simply listen to the still, small voice.

Next Steps

1. Do you have BIG plans for the summer? What are you looking forward to?
2. What do you hope is the “Next Big Thing?”
3. What is a small decision or step you made in your life that created a great effect?
4. Why do you believe God continues to call His children to think small?
5. What needs to get quiet in order for you to listen?
6. When we took the time to listen, what did the still, small voice of God tell you to do and be?
7. What do you need prayer for today?