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Small Beginnings

Wow! How time does fly! Do you realize that I am finishing up three months as your Interim Minister. Almost immediately I began to ask you to pray for each other by name and when you had a moment to say a prayer for Pastor Paul also. No big deal, but at least a beginning.

“Do not despise the day of small things!” Zechariah 4:10

In Zechariah 4, the Jewish remnant who returned to Israel are getting ready to rebuild the temple. It is an overwhelming undertaking. But the Lord encourages them with these words: *“Do not despise the day of small things, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel’s hand.”*

The plumb line was an ancient measuring tape. All they had done at this point was measure! That’s it. But God was already rejoicing over them. Like a parent that celebrates a baby’s first step, our Heavenly Father rejoices when we take the smallest of steps in the right direction. And those small steps become giant leaps in God’s Kingdom. If we do little things, God will do big things. But we have to do the little things **like** they are big things.

We cannot worry about what we cannot do; we have to simply do what we can.

Oswald Chambers once wrote, “It is inbred in us that we have to do exceptional things for God; but we have not. We have to be exceptional in the ordinary things. “And if we do the ordinary, God will add an extra to it.”

Prayer is our plumb line. It is also the true measure of a person. No one is greater than their prayer life. Our potential is directly proportional to our prayer life. It is the single greatest indicator of our success in any endeavor.

Let’s keep praying for each other by name! And when you have a moment say a prayer for Pastor Paul too!

God Bless,

Paul