

When Little Things are Big Things – 1 Samuel 16

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And He uses little things, & small choices along the way that seem insignificant but have big effects on our lives & on the world around us! Example A: David

- **When Samuel came to anoint one of Jesse's sons as the next king, David obeyed his father & stayed out in the field to keep watch over the sheep**

Would you have obeyed knowing the opportunity that was present?

- David was willing to bless King Saul, by sitting at his feet playing music for him, even when he knew that he would replace Saul one day as king.

Would you willingly choose to bless the one person that is standing in the way of the position that you know is rightfully yours?

- David, while waiting for his time to be king, chose to be content serving both as Saul's armor-bearer & helping his dad w/the sheep until then!

Do we practice such patience and humility in our current situations?

- David was even an errand boy for his brothers bringing them food/news on the battlefield. Small choices like this set the stage for what was to come!

It was in the small things of obedience to his father, a willingness to serve his king, a practice of patience, a humble contentment, & a strong faith in God, that brought about the big things that happened in David's life!

Being a good son/daughter..., may seem like small things, but God uses them to shape us into who He calls us to be both today, and for tomorrow!

When David found himself in the biggest moment of his life battling Goliath, it was the little things that got him there & prepared him for it!

Small things prove to be big things when you can see from God's perspective!

Even in the battle with Goliath, David found himself to be too small! He couldn't even to put on the adequate armor, but he knew **He served a big God!**

And when David picked up those 5 small stones to face the giant, wielding a big sword & shield, those small stones in the right hands became a big thing

When was the last time you believed the lie that small things don't matter? **It's in the small things that God chooses to change the world! "Dream Small"**

David's story of "the small things" was still not over. Though he defeated Goliath, the Kingdom was still not his! He had to keep trusting God's process

Saul was now growing jealous of David & he set out to kill him! David was at a crossroads! *"Where is God's will in this?" "Aren't I supposed to be king?" "What should I do now? Run, fight, take matters into my own hands?"*

- David chooses to flee instead of rise up against the king!
- David has two easy opportunities to kill Saul but doesn't!

David again trusts God's plan, & His timing, instead of his own! How would you have responded if you were in David's shoes running for your life? Wouldn't it have been feasible to believe that these opportunities were God's way of opening the door for David to take over as king?

David did finally become king, in God's timing & by doing things God's way, but again it was the little things that God used to prepare & get him there!

In God's eyes, making little choices for the right reasons is a big thing!

Some personal examples:

- Saying "yes" to play bass for a student led worship service.
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One wrong look at Bathsheba, one wrong decision to put her husband on the front lines, one small lie that led to another led David down a destructive path!

The small things matter, both for good & bad! Will we choose to trust God in the small things & follow His leading, knowing that doing so is a big thing?

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