

## Pastor's Letter

August 2022

Hello everyone,

What a summer it has been so far! The fundraisers for ASP brought in enough money to pay the expenses and have some left in the mission account to begin our fundraisers for next year. (Thank you). God blessed our ASP teams, and they had a good week of weather which allowed them to get a good week's work in on their families' homes. Sometimes we don't always get accomplished all that we would like but as the saying goes, every little bit helps. Our teams were able to leave knowing that the next teams to follow would be able to pick up where they left off.

I think that sometimes we are in the frame of mind that if we don't go big it isn't worth doing but that frame of mind can cause us to miss out on great adventures in the small things of life. God expects us to be faithful in the small things as well as the big. Luke 16:10-11 New International Version (NIV) "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

As most of you know my husband and I have a fifth wheel. Because of his disabilities I am the one who drives the truck and pulls the camper. I am good when it comes to hooking up, unhooking, and getting the camper level (thanks to the computer system in the camper and the lessons from our friends the Drechslers). However, I am still learning how to back the trailer into the spot where I want it to go. Yesterday evening, my brother, who has driven tractor and trailers, was helping me to practice. When you are trying to back a trailer into a spot it is important for you to remember to turn the steering wheel of the truck in small movements. If you turn the wheel too much at one time you will not end up in the spot you are supposed to park (and yes, I speak from experience).

The scripture from Luke tells us that our integrity in how we handle the small things in life is of the utmost importance. God calls us to be honest even in small details we could easily rationalize away. Heaven's riches are far more valuable than earthly recognition or things. But if we are not trustworthy with the small things in life then why should we be trusted with the large things? It is important that we do not let our integrity slip regardless of the issues or events with which we deal.

A great deal of importance has been placed on the little things in the Bible by God for example: Mustard Seed. The mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds on earth. The mustard seed faith teaches us to focus on the nature of our faith, which is a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8-9). It teaches us to put our faith entirely in God's power rather than in our abilities. Even the smallest amount of faith, as long as it is genuine faith in Jesus, can make the impossible happen.

A little boy gave Jesus his little lunch to feed the multitude. The boy was small and so was his lunch. Luke 9:16 "Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people."

Luke 21:1-2 Then Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, 2 and He saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 "Truly I tell you," He said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others...."

Yes, my brothers and sisters in Christ, the little things in life are important to our Creator and he watches to see how we handle those little things before he grants us the big things. Life isn't always about the big turns of that steering wheel of life. Many times, multiple small turns will due and when put together will end up making a big difference in your life and often in the life of others.

Christ's service,

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