

February 14 and 15th

DREAM SMALL

*“For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.
“These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.”*

ZECHARIAH 4:10

“**Y**ou can count the apples on the tree, but who can count the apples in a seed?” Ever heard that statement before? It’s a statement that applies to God’s use of small things. Men can’t see all of the work that God will do in them and through them...But God can! God uses the faithfulness of His men to accomplish His purposes. Let me use an example. Ever heard of Billy Graham...the evangelist that reached millions with the gospel of Jesus Christ? Ever heard of Mordecai Ham...the preacher that reached Billy Graham with the gospel? Ever heard of Billy Sunday...the professional baseball player that became the greatest evangelist of his time? Billy Sunday invited Mordecai Ham to preach at an event when he couldn’t be there—when Billy Graham became a Christian. Ever heard of J. Wilbur Chapman...the Christian who led Billy Sunday to Christ? Ever heard of Frederick D. Meyer...the evangelist who God used to reach J. Wilbur Chapman with the gospel? Ever heard of D.L. Moody...one of the greatest evangelists in history? Ever heard of Edward Kimble...a shoe salesman and Sunday School teacher that shared Christ with a man named Dwight? Dwight came to be known simply as D.L. Moody.

What’s the point here, men? As men we can become starved to make a significant difference. And at times we can be frustrated with fruit that we don’t always see. What does God want to say to us? Read Zechariah 4:10 again. The temple has been destroyed, and Zerubbabel has been called to rebuild it. When the temple was finally rebuilt, grown men wept. But they didn’t all weep for joy. Some wept because the new temple was just a shadow of the glory of the original temple. But God. God uses the small things to accomplish His purposes. “Whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice.”

Men, rejoice that God will accomplish His purpose in His way. And His way is to use your faithful service. It’s not flashy. It’s not about making sure that you can post it on Facebook. Instead, it’s the glory of God using His humble men. Never underestimate God’s work in you and through you! Josh Wilson has written a song called *Dream Small*. Here’s some lines from the song: “Keep loving, keep serving, keep listening, keep learning, keep praying, keep hoping, keep seeking, keep searching...add up the small things and watch them grow bigger...the God who does all things makes oceans from rivers. How does God want to use you?”

Take time to think about people that impacted you. Was it impressive words and actions, or simple, everyday actions that God used? Ask God to use you today for His glory.

For Further Reading: Colossians 3:23-24