

Small beginnings

God is all about small beginnings. It doesn't matter to him how far gone we feel we are, how messed up, how weak or afraid we are, all he cares about is that we start somewhere. He loves to see the work begin, so that he can help us become who we are meant to be.

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From small beginnings come great things.

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Quote: The truth of the matter is that we all need to start somewhere.

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Isaiah 43:19 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

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The new thing God was doing was to bring blessings and a new path ahead for His people.

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God is planning something awesome for the lives of each one of us and for the life and future of this church.

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Matt. 28:18-20 NLT “Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.””

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When God’s Spirit is at work through us, we will accomplish the goals He helps us to set.

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When we obey Him, He does mighty things. We will never go wrong trusting the Savior.

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Zechariah 4:6-7a NIV “So he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty. “What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground...’

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**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**

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Yet there is a common reason why many of God’s servants are unsuccessful, and it is this: they do not do His work in His way.

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you can do it in the flesh, depending on your own influence, personality, gifts, resources, education, and experience. Or second, you can accomplish the task God’s way—through the direction of and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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1Corinthians 3:12 –15 NIV “If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.”

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Anything we do according to the flesh—those things we do for ourselves and not in keeping with God’s plans and commandments.

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Quote: You don’t have to be a mega-church to be a major church. A major church is a healthy church.

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Christian Schwarz: Healthy churches are growing churches, making more and better disciples in loving obedience to Christ.”

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Ephesians 5:1-2 NKJV.“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

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Quote: God will rejoice at the beginning of your work and God will rejoice at the completion of your work.

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