

- It was only a split second and about an inch...but it felt like an eternity and 1000 miles! Small things can make a huge impact! That instant...felt like my life was on the line!
- Corona virus! (Image)

That virus...brought the entire world to it's knees...In US alone...Thousands of lives, Trillions of dollars

That is what I want you to focus with me on today as we continue our series Emerge.

Talk with you about the huge importance of small things! Look a series of small things played huge role

Turn with me in your bible to Ezra 3:10-11

Pray

### 1. Little Things Mean A Lot.

Ezra 3:10-11

- Ez 3:10-11 A HUGE time of celebration... (Foundation for new temple is finally being laid)
- Zech 4:8-10 Prophecy Tells us a couple of very important things. (*Image: Fits time frame*)
  1. Little thing big: String...seemingly inconsequential becomes a very huge thing
  2. Don't Disregard: Our tendency is to *overlook, disregard, Hold in contempt*
  3. God is often in the small things! *Zerubbabel, String, Still small voice, Baby Manger*

First thing I want you to hold on to today is this: Little Things Mean a LOT!

Don't Look at small things with contempt, disdain, or overlook them...

Applic: We overlook small things at our own peril. If we don't pay attention to them...MISS GOD!

### 2. Get the Small Details Right.

Ez 3:10

*Men will REJOICE when they see the plumb line in the hand of Z (Image Plumb Line)*

Why? Because the rebuilding of Temple is underway...and I might add...Going to be done right!

They were rejoicing because it was being built..but those who knew anything about building: GOOD!

- It is very important to make sure that the foundation of a building is right!  
If the foundation is wrong...everything further down the road is going to be wrong! (Pisa)
- There are some basics in the Christian life that we simply have to get RIGHT
  - ~We cant afford to overlook them
  - ~We can't afford to accept "just good enough"
  - ~We can't skip over them...and go ahead with the work when foundation isn't right
  - ~Heb 5:11-6:3

Applic: Author of Heb says: Get your spiritual foundation right!

~*Repentance; Faith; Baptism; Laying Hands (Prayer); Resurrection (Going) Judgment*

Listen now: Those are the things of child: The Immature: We are called to maturity

If you don't have those things right yet...Time to get to work on them!

Illus: Nothing wrong with BEING a child....Awesome! Newborn...Feed, Dress, Change

But...none of us want to REMAIN a child! Awful! 20, Still cutting meat...Dressing, Changing!

### 3. Little Questions Can Have Big Impact.

Neh 1:1-4

*Nehemiah asked a question. When he did...I don't think for a minute he knew what was coming*

We have all had that experience right? How was your vacation! 30 mins later...praying for way out!

His brother...(Possibly a blood brothers...Maybe a kinsman...perhaps a countryman) came back

*"How is it going over in Jerusalem?"* And God rocked his heart.

One little question...and everything changed!

John Wesley: Had one question that literally helped change the world: *"How is it with your soul?"*

How much better a question is that than... "How are you doing?"

He wasn't limited to just that one question: Holy Club...Most spiritually influential groups all time (22)

A simple little question can have a huge impact

- God asked Isaiah: *Who will go for me?*
- Jesus asked: *Who touched me?*
- Peter was asked: *Aren't you with Him?*
- Man asked Jesus: *What must I do to be saved?*

Applic: A little question can have a huge impact!

Has to be the right question:

#### **4. What Small Thing Has God Trusted You With?**

Esther 3:10

Haman has a hatred for the Jews. He is looking for a way to destroy them.

Goes to the King one day, says, hey King, There are some of “those people” Customs, Obey,

It is not in your best interest to tolerate them...I'll give you cash...you let me take care of the problem

*“So the king took his signet ring from his finger and gave it to Haman!”*

- Symbol of the king's authority
- Used to stamp official documents.
- Once they were stamped...couldn't be changed

So, in effect, the King abdicated authority and responsibility to Haman...

And Haman used it for his own purposes...An entire race of people put at risk...

Because the King gave over this small ring...and everything that came along with it.

Applic: Listen to me now. God has put some things in YOUR care as well.

- Married: Your spouses spiritual welfare is in your hands: Yes, Pastor, Themselves
- Parents: Your children's spiritual training... (No one will pray like you!)
- Ministry/teacher: the people you serve...they are entrusted to you by God
- Job: You may be the ONLY Christian they know...the Only bible they read!

All of those things...have been placed in your hands.

Illus: Think of it: God has taken this precious person...entrusted their spiritual well being to YOUR care  
No wonder Paul tells us, whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God!

CONCL: Little Things Mean a Lot!  
4 Questions for you today

1. **Are there some “Small things”, “Little things” that you are overlooking?**

Are there some “small things” in your life that you need to deal with today?

One of them could be a sin...small sin...that you just allow to hang around...

Image of sidewalk and tree stump

2. **Are there some details in your spiritual life that you haven't got right yet?**

~Maybe... You need to make the decision to accept Christ...

You need to be public about your faith in baptism

Finances...You know what God wants...not willing to step out in faith and trust

Get involved in a small group...SS class...regular study of God's word

Time for you to step up and get engaged in ministry...

3. **Is there a question that you need to ask...or answer?**

~HOW IS IT WITH YOUR SOUL TODAY?

How are you and Jesus doing? Have you talked to Him lately...served Him lately, Praised

~Are you “With Him” today? Listen...Kinda...isn't good enough!

~Will you Go for Him?

~Do you KNOW what you have to do to be saved...AND HAVE YOU DONE IT?

4. **What “Little Thing” has God entrusted to your care?**

~How is YOUR family doing spiritually?

~Spouse

~Children

~SS Class

~Small Groups

~Friends

When I moved into my house 25 years ago....