

Sermon Outline “God in the Small Things”

8.10.25

Mark 1:29-39

I. The Great Mission and Our Honest Struggle

- **Matthew 28:19** — “Go and make disciples of all nations.”
- Honest question: *Do I wake up every morning eager to fulfill this?* (Most of us: no.)
- The weight of the calling can feel heavy—self-doubt, comparison, and repeated stumbling.
- Everyday examples of starting strong but quickly slipping (diet, exercise, spiritual commitments).

II. The Human Tendency to Repeat Mistakes

- **Poem: “Autobiography in Five Short Chapters” by Portia Nelson** — falling into the same hole.
- The “hole” can be self-doubt, temptation, pride—yet there’s hope.
- God has already begun the work of transformation; the key is faith to trust His grace.

III. Transformation Starts Small

- Personal takeaway: I am a new creation in God’s eyes—now I can choose to live differently.
- Change often begins with something small and practical.
- **Illustration:** Admiral McRaven — “If you want to change the world, start by making your bed.”
- Small wins create momentum.

IV. Jesus’ Example: The Kingdom in Ordinary Places

- **Mark 1:21–31** — Jesus doesn’t start in Rome or Jerusalem; He starts in Galilee.
- He heals in a synagogue and in Simon Peter’s home.
- Significance of the home in Jewish culture—heart of community life.
- One healing in a small town becomes part of the world’s redemption story.

V. The Ripple Effect of Small Acts of Faith

- Like a stone in water, small acts create ripples that reach far.
- Early Christian communities met in homes—small beginnings with worldwide impact.
- Today, transformation still begins in daily life:
 - Sunday school rooms
 - Kitchen tables
 - Office break rooms

VI. Your Mission Field Starts Here

- Ask: *What is one small task I can do today?*
- Examples:
 - Tell someone you love them.
 - Pray for three minutes in your room.
 - Read one chapter of the Bible.
 - Join a Bible study.
- These small acts invite God’s transformation into homes, schools, and neighborhoods.

Conclusion

- Jesus’ mission to save the world began in humble homes.
- Our calling to “make disciples” starts the same way—small acts of faith, repeated daily.
- Start small. Be faithful. Let the ripples spread.

Closing Question: *What small act will you start with today so God can use it to change the world?*