

PEARCE CHURCH

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Dear Pearce Family,

Small things matter. Jesus said, "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" (Luke 16:10). He also compared the Kingdom of Heaven to yeast, which though a very small part of the dough compared to the flour, makes the whole batch rise. Or a mustard seed, which is tiny, yet it becomes a tree in which the birds may nest (Luke 13:18-19). God specializes in turning small, seemingly insignificant things, into dynamic, life-changing influences. Think about it: Moses' staff; David's sling; a manger in Bethlehem; five loaves and two fish; a peasant teenage girl (Mary); the widow's offering of two small coins.

Sometimes we think we have very little to offer. Unfortunately, what seems like humility ("aw shucks, it ain't nothin'") can actually be pride. Some people refuse to get involved, use their gifts, or exercise their faith, not because they don't qualify, but because they don't think God can use what they have. They're "too proud" to trust that God can turn their seemingly miniscule offering into something great.

Fortunately, Jesus challenges the status quo in our lives. Matthew 17:20 is one of those verses for me. "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Faith is a gift of God to us. Even in tiny doses, great things can be accomplished. This weekend in worship, we will explore the faith of Abraham and Sarah to see the part it played in their lives. Even though we think of them as spiritual "superheroes," they actually did not always get the faith part down just right. Yet God used the faith they had, imperfect as it was, to initiate His salvation plan for all of us. How does He want to use your faith?

With Faith,

Pastor Todd