





# O Little Town of Bethlehem



**Micah 5:1-5**



**Don't Sweat the Small Stuff**

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**Bethlehem**



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# Bethlehem

**Micah 5:1-5**

**The Promise was Coming:**

- **Where Least Expected It...**  
*(2) Bethlehem -the least of the cities*
- **When Least Expected It...**  
*(1) when evil seems to be in total control*
- **How Least Expected It...**  
*Isa 7:14- a virgin shall conceive / bear child*
  - It was Insignificant People at Insig. Place
  - At Least in the World's Eyes

**Don't Sweat the Small Stuff**



2020

## Don't Despise the Day of Small Beginnings

-Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin" (Zech. 4:10, NLT).



**2020**

**Don't Despise**

**Beginnings**

-Do not despise  
see the work

Lord rejoices to

**Has 2020 Left You Feeling Insignificant?  
Like You Don't Count?  
Your Ability to Be Used by God Is...  
...All Used Up?**

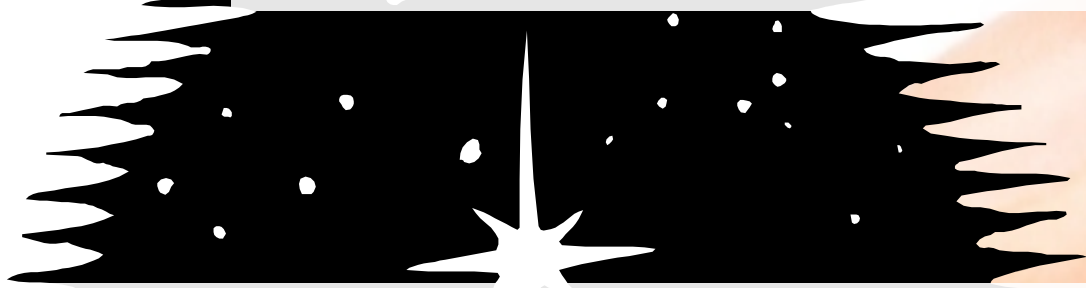
# God is in the Small Stuff

*DO NOT DESPISE THE DAYS OF*  
SMALL **BEGINNINGS**





# God is in the Small Stuff



## Events in Our Own Lives (2020)...

- Sometimes Define us...
- Sometimes Refine us...
- Sometimes Leave us Feeling Small

DO NOT  
SMALL

**Remember...**

**Events Always Point to a...**

**...Bigger Picture**

**God is Bringing Forth...**

**...His Mission in Your Life**

**God In the Small Stuff**

**Small Beginnings Are Meant to...**

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## **Prepare Us to Be Thankful**

***Zechariah 4:10, “Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin”***

- **God Himself Rejoices in the Beginning of the Work Because He Knows what the End Result Is**
- **It is His Small Beginning / He Has His Own Purpose**
- **Rejoice in what God has Called you to, Always.**

## **Prepare Us to Be Faithful**

***Galatians 6:9, “So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.”***

- **God isn’t Searching for us to Understand all the Details of His Calling but...**  
**...He Seeks after our Hearts to be Surrendered to Him**
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**Small Beginnings Are Meant to...**



**Prepare Us to Be Thankful**

**Prepare Us to Be Faithful**

**Prepare Us to Be Confident**

**Philippians 1:6, “*And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*”**

- **When we Serve the Lord, our Service Flows from the Victory He has Already Secured for us through Calvary**
- **Our Confidence is the Finished Work of Christ.**
- **Be Assured that He Will Finish His Work in You!**



**God In the Small Stuff**

**Small Beginnings Are Meant to...**



**Prepare Us to Be Thankful**  
**Prepare Us to Be Faithful**  
**Prepare Us to Be Confident**  
**Prepare Us to Be Humble**

**Hebrews 6:10, “For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.”**

- **Knowing that God Loves Us...**  
**...is the Reason we are to Live for Him.**
  - **His Love for Us Should Compel Us to...**  
**...Live Our Lives For Him / Love Others.**
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Be  
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KEEP  
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**2021 is Not a Time to...**  
**...Focus on "The Big"**  
**It's Time to Focus On...**  
**..."Remaining Faithful"**  
**...in the Small**

## THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS

It was a time when the unthinkable  
became the thinkable and the  
impossible really happened.

# THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS



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