

IT'S THE small things THAT GET YOU

Stop Following and Start Leading

Part 4

“Because you were loyal with small things, I will let you care for much greater things. Come and share my joy with Me.”

Matthew 25:21

Five decisions leaders make in the small things:

I. NOTHING IS TOO SMALL FOR PRAYER

“The people complained... Moses asked the Lord for help....” Exodus 15:24a, 25a

Talk to God about:

Small irritations Small problems

Small decisions

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you.” 1 Peter 5:7

II. EXPECT DISAPPOINTMENT

“They traveled in this desert for three days without water. When they came to Marah, they finally found water. But the people couldn't drink it because it was bitter.”

Exodus 15:22-23

III. CONSTANTLY CONSIDER GOD'S CARE

“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Look, I'm going to rain down food from heaven for you. The people can go out each day and pick up as much food as they need for that day.’”

Exodus 16:4

“When the dew disappeared later in the morning, thin flakes, white like frost, covered the ground. The Israelites were puzzled when they saw it. ‘What is it?’ they asked.... In time, the food became known as manna.”

Exodus 16:14-15, 31

Manna:

- **It had to be gathered each day**
- **You could only gather enough**
- **It melted in the sun**
- **None could be gathered the 7th day**

Manna means... “What is it??”

“Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? Of course not! And if worry can't do little things like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things?”

Luke 12:25-26

IV. DON'T LET YOUR ANGER MAKE YOUR DECISIONS

“As they watch, speak to that rock over there and tell it to pour out its water!” Numbers 20:8

“Moses said to them, ‘Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?’ Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff.” Numbers 20:10-11

“At Meribah, too, Israel angered God, causing Moses serious trouble, for he became angry and spoke foolishly.”

Psalm 106:32-33

V. REMEMBER THE BIG THINGS

“Remember that you were once slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out with amazing power and mighty deeds.” Deuteronomy 5:15

“He is a great and awesome God.” Deuteronomy 7:21

“And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it.”

Ephesians 3:18-19