

Let's talk about little things for a minute; the little things in life that tend to get in our way. Someone once said that it isn't the mountains ahead that wear you out, it's the grain of sand in your shoe. Now this may mean different things to different people, but to me it means that it is not the height of the goal that stops us, it's the multitude of little aggravations and frustrations that make us so tired that we give out. How many times have we had a flash of inspiration and energy to begin something, but after just a little while we tire of it. We don't have the endurance, the long-suffering to reach our goals. We find that the same principle affects our spiritual goals as well.

Remember how Moses made so many excuses when he was asked by God to lead the people out of Egypt? All of his excuses were very little things that he was stumbling over in his fear of the task ahead. Remember in a similar way Naaman was about to let a little thing like dipping in the Jordan seven times keep him from being healed from his leprosy. We must not hesitate when there appear to be small obstacles in our way. In our imagination they get blown out of proportion, and look large.

Even the smallest pebble can hide the universe if we hold it close enough to our eye. And a little thing like temporary hardship, or sorrow, or the desire for material possessions can hide from us the infinite riches that God has promised us in heaven. We seem to have only horizontal vision sometimes; we never look up to God and get the proper perspective on ourselves and this earth. We need to think big, to set heaven as our goal and not let anything stand in our way. Christ told us in Matthew 6:33, 'Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness'.

When things stand in our way, we generally get sidetracked by them; instead we should just step over them. This we can do with God's help. As we read in Isaiah 40:29-31, 'He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.'