



Wisdom of Small

Psalm 30:24-28

Do you ever feel like you should be doing more, living a big, radical life?
Do you wonder if your life matters?

“Small” lives can have big impact and please God.

*Four things on earth are small,
yet they are extremely wise:
Ants are creatures of little strength,
yet they store up their food in the summer;
hyraxes are creatures of little power,
yet they make their home in the crags;
locusts have no king,
yet they advance together in ranks;
a lizard can be caught with the hand,
yet it is found in kings' palaces.*

Proverbs 30:24-28

These four small creatures are “downward” examples of wisdom for our lives.

1. The Ant: Wisdom of When

We understand the importance of time and seasons.

2. The Hyrax: Wisdom of Where

We make our home in Jesus.

*Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
 my hope comes from him.
 Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
 he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
 My salvation and my honor depend on God;
 he is my mighty rock, my refuge.*
 Psalm 62:5-7

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you
 will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*
 John 15:5

3. The Locust: Wisdom of Who

We are not whole when alone.

Our faith is not just personal but collective: we are part of a family, a covenant people.

4. The Lizard: Wisdom of How

We have been brought near to God, the King by His glorious grace.

Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
 Ephesians 2:12-13

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
 Hebrews 4:16

Conclusion

The wisdom of small teaches us to live in light of *when, who, where* and *how*. If these small creatures demonstrate how to live wisely and please God, then how much more can we who bear His image, live wisely and please Him in our ordinary lives, our “small” lives?

Jesus spent 30 years in ordinary life and the Father said He was pleased with Him, (Matthew 3:17) before Jesus performed a single miracle or healed anyone. Just like Jesus, we are His beloved daughters/sons, our ordinary lives are sacred and they please God.

This week, remind yourself of *whose* you are and *who* you are, acknowledging the value of your life in His kingdom. Take time throughout your day (maybe set reminders on your phone) to say:

**You are my God and I am your greatly loved daughter/son.
This moment is holy and sacred.**

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you ever wonder if your life pleases God or if you should be doing more? How do the words of Matthew 3:17 hit your heart? Do you resonate or resist?
2. Commit with someone for one week try this: first thing each morning, read Romans 12:1 in both the NIV and Message. Position your body to reflect your heart in surrender to God. (Bonus: You'll probably get it memorized!) At the end of the week discuss how this has affected your heart.
3. Set an alarm on your phone for daily reminders to affirm *whose* you are and *who* you are and the value of your one beautiful life.