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EVERY LITTLE THING MATTERS

Doesn't it sometimes feel like the only people who matter in today's world are the super heroes and the super stars? You know who I mean- the super wealthy, the super powerful, the super intelligent, the super talented, etc. I just read that we can even add Superhuman AI to our inbox. It can be pretty intimidating to compare my rather mundane, mediocre life to someone who is revered for their super powers. Does God really notice or care about the small stuff; the things I do that only he sees - like the way I treat the wait staff, the check out person, the random people I encounter or my own family? Does it really make a difference when I send a card or make cookies or just sit and hold someone's hand?

How do I know when what I am doing is what God wants me to do? This is the big question! I'm doing a study right now based on verses 3:5 & 6 in Proverbs which I've quoted many times but have failed to follow. These verses say to trust God, not myself, and to turn to him for wisdom and direction in ALL I do. Everything?! Yep, this means asking him about even the little stuff that I think I can do on my own. I am to go to God and trust him to direct me as to how I am to show his love even in small ways to whoever he brings into my life. I don't know who needs a smile or a kind word or a phone call or visit but if I ask, I can trust God's Spirit to prompt me and direct me. Those kind and loving nudges come from God working in you and me to will and to act according to his good purpose. (Philippians 2:13) When it is God's love that motivates us, we can be sure it will matter. His love is the super power! As Dr. Martin Luther King says: "If I cannot do GREAT things I can do small things in a GREAT WAY." That way is God's way. Our part is to simply obey and show up, allowing ourselves to be the vessel of God's love. However, without that love as the motivating power behind our actions nothing we do amounts to anything. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

One of the best stories about a person who just offered the one simple thing she could do was from a book I read titled Breaking Night about a young woman who was homeless and trying to get her college degree. A newspaper reporter wrote

about her and a woman who had very few resources herself read the article and was moved to help but didn't know what she could do. Then, as she was doing her daughter's laundry, she realized that doing this girl's laundry was something she could do. She would pick up her wash and deliver her clean clothes weekly. This simple act made a huge difference and started what came to be known as the Angel Brigade as more and more people pitched in to offer what help was needed to enable Liz Murray to get her degree from Princeton and go on to start a nonprofit that helps others like herself reach their potential.

At St. Andrews we have many opportunities to lovingly show Gods's love through such things as the congregational care ministry, prayer shawl knitting, Stamp, filling bags for BACN, seniors and migrant workers and volunteering at Cass Community Center. There is some way for everyone to participate in the way that God leads.

Here's some words of blessing from Kate Bowler to spur us on:

“May your eyes be attuned to the good already happening.
May you do the next faithful thing even when no one notices
and nothing feels resolved.

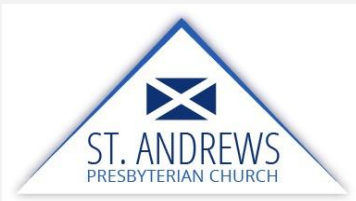
Blessed are you who are looking for the smallest possible way to love.
Not because it will save the world (it probably won't)
But because it keeps us human.

So offer what you have, presence, water, kindness, humor.
May you be someone with skin on.”

And may we do everything as if it is for the Lord, not people. (Colossians 3:23)
Because EVERY little thing matters!

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