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The Smallest Detail

This picture of my grandson Coyle Dall made me ponder for a moment about small details. When our girls competed in Iowa High School Rodeo. I would use phrases like: "Go big or go home", "I'd rather be good than lucky", "Don't sweat the small stuff." "Get the big picture yet"! These are all Proverbial sayings plastered on bumper stickers you see on many friends horse trailers. They ask us to take a large look at rodeo and life.

Sometimes, these sayings are helpful. They make you pause for a moment. Look up from your smartphone. See your family at breakfast... and "get the big picture." Answering e-mail is not really the point of vacation. But wise words can be misapplied. We can become so focused on the big picture that we lose sight of smaller things. We look to God to renew our lives. It's an astounding wonder! But then we overlook his powerful presence in the average day.

God once gave John a glorious vision of a new heaven and a new earth. The apostle saw multitudes of angels bowing in heavenly wonder. People from every tribe, language, and nation gathering before God's throne. Yet, in the midst of all of this magnificence, John sees God do the smallest thing. God wipes away a tear.

The one who recreates the heavens and the earth takes time to wipe away a tear. What God does in that moment is itself a glorious revelation. The kingdom of God comes in the smallest of ways.

Christ once compared his death to a seed that was planted (John 12: 23-24.) In the landscape of human history, the death of one obscure Jewish man named Jesus was a small thing. Yet, in the kingdom of God, the largest of matters are decided in the smallest ways.

By his death, Jesus brings forgiveness to all He then rises to rule over all creation. His rule, however, is often accomplished in the smallest of ways like, a hug on your birthday from your daughter. A conversation with a son-in-law on their way home fosters patience that lasts a lifetime. Picking up an unhappy child. A simple prayer for an ole friend who has passed or even a prayer for your own marriage that renews your relationship. Even just a simple smile of approval.

These are small things, overlooked by a world that “goes big or goes home.” But God, who takes the time to wipe away a tear, works through them. Its lead me to believe that even in the kingdom of God, small stuff matters...in a big way.

Revelations 21:4 “ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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