

# “See What God Does”

Sunday, June 14, 2009

**day 1:** (I Samuel 15: 34-16: 13) In spite of his call to be a prophet and his experience hearing the word of God, Samuel still suffered with a malady we all endure. His eyes deceived him, and so do ours. We quantify and judge based on what we can see, but the scripture tells us that “...the Lord does not look at the things man looks at...the Lord looks at the heart.” How would your interactions with people change today if you asked God to help you see as he sees?

**day 2:** (Ezekiel 17: 22-24) The Lord promises to do some gardening of sorts in this passage. What does it teach us? While there are many truths here, let's just focus on one. In fact while we are at it, let's pair today's reading with yesterdays and see this truth. It seems from these passages that God is able to take the small things and make them into something great. The little brother of I Samuel and the sprig of the cedar here. Do you ever feel insignificant? Do you ever imagine that you don't matter? I'm praying that the truth of this text will encourage you today.

**day 3:** (Mark 4:26-34) And speaking of small things...have you ever seen a mustard seed? It looks like a piece of black pepper! A tiny little flake, yet when planted, it grows to be a bush reaching heights of 12 to 15 feet! How can it happen? I don't know, but God designed things like that. It is a part of his marvelous creation. The littlest seed planted in good soil, grows a great plant. The littlest thing surrendered to God grows a great impact. What can you surrender to God for him to bless?

**day 4:** (2 Corinthians 5: 6-7) We so regularly live by sight. We even have a saying, “Seeing is believing.” Our sight is our dominant sense. How challenging then, that what we see with our eyes is not always what God sees. The rich and beautiful are often the most broken. The broken of body are often the most blessed. Our eyes can lie to us, but the Lord never will. Would you consider praying and asking the Lord to so bless your eyes and heart that you can begin to see as He sees? Are there people in your life that you may encounter regularly, but whom you have never “really seen?”

**day 5:** (Mark 4:26-34) Gardeners are living illustrations of God's work. They plow, they plant, and they wait. Most of them can't explain the chemistry of plant growth, most don't really care. They trust that the right seed in the right conditions produces something beautiful or useful. I can learn from their example. God has blessed me with some things. What if I “planted” them or surrendered them to him, then waited while he did the next steps? Giving is like this. My offerings alone can't support a whole church, but my little bit paired with your little bit. And our little bits coupled with everyone else's and we've got something. God's giving plan is perfect. Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice. 10% is so little, yet when it's given to God it adds up to so much. Are you a faithful giver?