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Small But Mighty

Pa and Mammie left a vivid impression on us children. We would visit our great grandparents and just chuckle when we saw them together. You see, Pa was a tall man, about six feet four. Mammie was small, almost five feet, and that's stretching it. However, looks can be deceiving.

Do you remember Gideon's story in the book of Judges? He was the weakest man in his father's house. His tribe was the weakest of all the tribes (Judges 6:14-16). Despite how others viewed him and how he viewed himself, the Angel of the Lord told him to save Israel from the oppressive Midianites. He asked, *"How can I save Israel?"* The Angel said *God would be with him.*

Do you remember the small shepherd boy who challenged the nine-foot giant? No one believed David could defeat this seasoned warrior (1 Sam. 17:1-50). His brothers ridiculed him. Despite their ridicule, he made his case before the king. With only a staff and five smooth stones, he met the champion of the Philistines. One stone in his sling was all it took to bring down Goliath and send the enemy running. How could a small boy do this? *God was with him.*

Do you see yourself as a small or insignificant child of God? Do others see you as unable to accomplish anything worthwhile for the Lord? Looks can be deceiving. Gideon and David are reminders that God can take the small and make it mighty. *"He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great"* (Psalm 115:13). God can take what you perceive as inadequate abilities and use them to encourage weary souls or reach the lost. He can take your physical weaknesses and allow his great strength to be magnified in your life. Remember, *God is with you!*

Today's Verse: *"And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me...For when I am weak, then I am strong"* (2 Cor. 12:9-10).

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