

When the Insignificant Leads to Victory



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We all know the story of David — the young shepherd who became a hero when he defeated the Philistine giant named Goliath. David was the youngest son of Jesse, whose three oldest sons were serving in King Saul's army. Their father Jesse sent David out to the battlefield to check on his brothers and take some provisions to them.

"Take these ten cuts of cheese to the commander of the unit. See how your brothers are doing and bring back news of them. Now they are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. So David got up early in the morning ... and went" (1 Samuel 17:-20, AMP).

David's father asked him to do something small and he obeyed, never imagining that this insignificant task would lead to a great victory for himself, for the Israelites and for God. David was bold and he ended up killing Goliath, who had been taunting the men of Israel relentlessly — a feat that would define his life (read the full story in 1 Samuel 17:23-51).

Think of it. The Holy Spirit was not moving on David to take cheese to his brothers, he went because his father told him to. David was making a cheese delivery, a menial act of service, when he was supernaturally positioned for the destiny God had planned for him.

Hudson Taylor, British missionary to China, said, "A little thing is a little thing, but faithfulness in little things is a great thing."

Your entry ramp into your destiny starts with humble tasks that may not even match what you want to do. You must pass the humility test. Many people are never selected to fight the giant because they didn't want the cheese assignment!

Go from the beginning of the Bible to the end and over and over you'll find the stories of men and women with servant hearts, minds and spirits who made the world a much better place:

Moses didn't say, "I don't do deserts." Ruth didn't say, "I don't do mothers-in-law."

Noah didn't say, "I don't do boats." Mary didn't say, "I don't do virgin births."

Paul didn't say, "I don't do letters." Jesus didn't say, "I don't do crosses."

Be the believer who does the seemingly insignificant act of service on your way to finding your destiny in Christ. Deliver the cheese!

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