



"In the beginning..." is where we find the Spirit of God hovering over the surface of the deep. In the beginning is where we are told the Word of God existed with God as God. In the beginning is also where God records the acts of creation.

I don't find these things to be insignificant. I actually find them to be hugely important. Why? In every beginning, there is the presence of God, the Word of God, and the thoughtful plans of God. Before we can enjoy a delicious fruit salad each fruit starts out as a seed. Before we can sit beneath an oak tree there must be a seed and an extensive growth process. Before a storm comes to release its downpour, there is a single drop of rain.

Read from Zechariah 4:8-10.

Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

"The hands of Zerubbabel

Have laid the foundation of this temple;

His hands shall also finish it.

Then you will know

That the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you.

For who has despised the day of small things?

For these seven rejoice to see

The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.

They are the eyes of the Lord,

Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

Use the questions below to guide you as we discuss the scriptures.

- Who laid down the foundation for the temple in these verses?
- Where is God looking and who is He looking for?
- Who completes the work?



Read [John 15:1-8](#).

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me." I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Your small beginning will bear much fruit when the God of all increase nurtures the seeds over time. Outside of the Garden of Eden, there are no examples of fruit emerging from trees or thick, rich soil without seeds initiating the process. No seed. No fruit. Have you become so focused on the fruit that you've forgotten to encourage the growth of the seed? The point is, we have to allow Him time to do the nurturing while we continuously attach ourselves to Jesus for sustenance and livelihood. A part of HIM we can do nothing, so no beginning or seed will ever grow unless you grow with God. That's how He gets the glory and honestly, there are way too many people looking for the glory that belongs to God. He wants us to bear fruit so that the world will know HIM. This isn't about you and it's not about me. It's not about your followers unless you're pointing your followers to HIM. Every seed we sow should become a fruit that continues to show this world that God is a better gardener than we could ever be.

Read from [Isaiah 43:8-10](#).

*Bring out the blind people who have eyes,
And the deaf who have ears.
Let all the nations be gathered together,
And let the people be assembled.
Who among them can declare this,
And show us former things?
Let them bring out their witnesses, that they may be justified;
Or let them hear and say, "It is truth."
"You are My witnesses," says the Lord,
"And My servant whom I have chosen,
That you may know and believe Me,
And understand that I am He.
Before Me there was no God formed,
Nor shall there be after Me.*

We get to know God, by experiencing God. The character of who God really is can be seen through creation, the life of Jesus, and our lives. When God initiates situations in your life, the ultimate point is not a human emotion, but a spiritual experience that points us back to God.



Use the questions below to guide you as we discuss the scriptures.

- What new beginning have you experienced in your life? How did you manage it?
- What about a new beginning frustrates you? Why did you find yourself frustrated?
- What did that situation teach you about the character of God?

Practical Steps to Learn How to Love Small Beginnings?

+Trust that what God asks you to begin, He will finish. ([Philippians 1:6](#))

+Focus on what you're supposed to do right now, today. Then do the same thing tomorrow. ([Matthew 6:34](#))

+Be diligent. Do the work. ([1 Corinthians 15:58](#) & [Philippians 3:14](#))

+Build a tribe/network who can encourage you when you get tired. ([Galatians 6:9](#))

+ Fall in love with the adventures that only faith can manifest. ([Hebrews 11](#) & [Hebrews 10:37-39](#))

*And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."
And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." - **Revelation 21:5***

Small beginnings are really new beginnings and this can be frustrating because small and new beginnings require work and waiting, two things most of us do not like. But let's learn to love the small, new beginnings knowing that God will sustain the work and bring it to completion at the appointed time.

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