

"BE FAITHFUL IN
SMALL THINGS
BECAUSE IT IS IN
THEM THAT YOUR
STRENGTH LIES."
MOTHER TERESA

LUKE 16:1-13

FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS

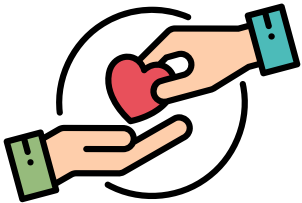


ICEBREAKER



- **What reactions annoy you the most from people?**
- **What reactions encourage you the most?**
- **Are you an eye-roller???**

WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MIKE SCHMITZ (THE "LITTLE THINGS" ARE ACTUALLY MOST THINGS) AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:



What small act of kindness touched Fr Mike's heart at Mass?

All of life is made up of _____:

- small gestures of _____, of _____ and of _____.
- or a small _____, an eye _____, a _____ of frustration!

**It's very rare that we have big, heroic moments.
We just have small moments, added up to become a life.**



Jesus said, "**Those who are trustworthy in _____ will also be trustworthy in _____.**"

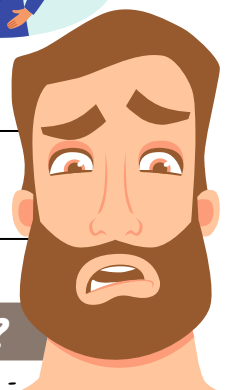
When things are a certain size, Fr Mike suggests we tend to excuse ourselves and say it's not a big deal.

Can you think of any examples you've seen of this attitude?

What do you think of Tony's advice to the unmarried man in the group?
What do you think Tony's wife's reaction was?

What does Fr Mike suggest is a very powerful way to undercut a man?

Do you agree? Do you think it's the same for a woman as well?



Pause

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST POWERFUL WAY TO AFFIRM A MAN / WOMAN?

- ASCEND YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (DIOCESE OF WATERFORD & LISMORE) -

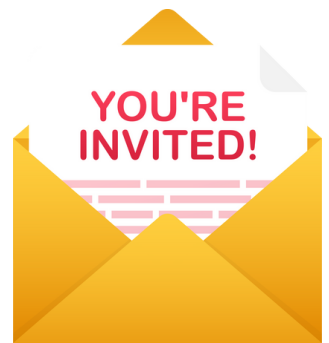
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What invitation does Fr Mike issue in this video?

What practical things could you do to respond to that invite this week?

What would Fr Mike like to hear Jesus say to him (or to any of us?)



In times when we can be disillusioned that greater, more exciting things are not happening in our day, when we have a day of "little things" remember the words from the prophet Zechariah: "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin" Zechariah 4:10



Now Read Luke 16:1-13



Have you ever had your day brightened because someone smiled at you, or did a small act of kindness for you? Have you ever had your temper ruined because someone dismissed you, or cut you off, or rolled their eyes at you?! It's the little things in life that count.... in fact, all of life is made up of little things. In today's Gospel Jesus asks us to be faithful in the little things, so He can trust us with greater.

Sometimes we get bored with the little things, or we long for grander, more epic and meaningful ways to spend our time. Most of our day, or most of our life even isn't made up of opportunities for great heroism or epic decisions however. Most of our life is made up of small decisions, one after the other, where we need to choose the good each and every time, to build up good habits and grow in virtue.

Big grand sweeping gestures are impressive, expensive gifts can wow us, but the small personal touches, knowing that someone truly knows you and considered your personality, your interests, your likes and dislikes when choosing a gift for you, even if it was inexpensive and made no sense to anyone else - those are the gifts that really matter! The little things matter, always



MISSION!

THIS WEEK, TRY TO BE CONSCIOUS OF THE LITTLE THINGS: THE LITTLE THINGS YOU SAY AND DO: CHOOSE TO LOVE, CHOOSE TO PRAY, CHOOSE TO SPEAK KINDLY AND TRUTHFULLY, CHOOSE TO BE TRUSTWORTHY IN THE LITTLE THINGS.



PRAYER TIME!

*Jesus, help me to be conscious of the effects of my actions, both little and great.
May I always choose good, choose prayer, choose love, choose faithfulness.
And may I always see Your presence and Your love for me in the little things too!
Amen*



CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON THE LITTLE THINGS



- Jim and Melissa Brady: The Little Things
- Brian Doerksen: Today I Choose
- Point of Grace: A Thousand Little Things
- Tim Hughes: Everything
- Chris Tomlin: I will follow
- Matt Redman: When all is said and done



*"Be Faithful in small things
because it is in them that
your strength lies."*

- Mother Teresa -

REMEMBER!



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small beginnings,
for the Lord rejoices
to see the work begin"**

- Zechariah 4:10 -



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