

Growing Spiritually

At about 4:30 AM on Sunday morning Big Dave rolled out of bed to head for Indianapolis. Getting out of bed was his first step. If he had not been willing with gritted teeth to make the inconvenient sacrifice of getting out of bed at that ridiculous hour he would not have gotten there. It was a relatively small thing that he did, but it was absolutely necessary in the big picture. A much larger thing did not require so much effort; he climbed into a van which carried him the twenty five miles to the airport. He might have even snoozed a little while his buddy drove; no effort required. Once there, he got out of the van and on to the plane— a few but very necessary rather small steps. The rest of the trip was in the hands of others and without a lot of additional effort he landed in Indianapolis some five hundred miles away.

The point? Our spiritual growth is very similar in that it requires a wide range of unique but relatively small steps which only we can individually do. **THE** large distances in Spiritual growth are handled by *ANOTHER*. **HE** FAITHFULLY ACCOMPLISHES THE GROWTH-SPURTS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL IN THE BELIEVERS LIFE, but those growth-spurts follow the very small but often seemingly difficult steps of personal obedience.

Dave's first step was to move about 12 inches from lying 'in bed' to standing 'beside the bed' – at 4:30 AM. Six hours and 500 miles later he was standing in Indianapolis, Indiana – a small miracle.

While there were necessary actions which only Dave could do, he also needed to *BELIEVE IN* his buddy, the van, the plane, the flight crew, and several hundred thousand other things – all of which were necessary to land him in Indianapolis.

Our spiritual growth occurs in much the same way. Moments of sometimes difficult obedience are surrounded with, and under girded by, the faithfulness and power of the Almighty. Suddenly we are landing in the Kingdom of God a million miles away – a small miracle.

This Kingdom business was first revealed when Jesus made those first small, but often difficult, steps of obedience, which were surrounded with and under girded by the faithfulness and power of the Almighty. –Today, it continues - it always continues, with small steps of obedience among the

children of God who are also surrounded with and under girded by the faithfulness and power of the Almighty.

Without a doubt there are a few small steps for each of us to take today. The specific ones which you must take are different from the ones I must take, but we are both "on hold" until we get around to doing those little things which God has set before us.

The GIANT WORKS of God are held in check by the few necessary small steps of each man. All that we did or did not do yesterday is of little consequence. God has reserved glorious kingdom things which will be unleashed as we hear and heed His voice.... today, ...yes, today!

Have a great today!

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