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Pastor's Corner

Allow God to Use You

John 14:12

It is very important that we understand that God has given each of us a way to express ourselves in His ministry. All too often we don't believe we have enough to accomplish huge endeavors. It is not the amount of money a person has, neither is it how eloquent he or she may speak. It is the extent to which we allow God to use us. God has a way of taking what is small and multiplying it to His glory. God has a way of taking what has been discarded and broken and use for building of His kingdom. Our responsibility is making the effort. God's responsibility is the outcome. There are moments in every life when we decide that things must change. There are events in our lives that make us realize change is necessary. As you read this story of a special little girl, I want you to ask yourself, how I can contribute to the Kingdom of God? This story teaches us it takes a willing and surrendered heart to advance the Kingdom of God:

A sad little girl stood outside a small church one Sunday morning. Her name was Hattie May Wiatt. She wanted to walk inside the church, to sing songs, to learn about God and worship Jesus. But she was afraid. She was alone, her clothes were shabby and unkempt…and she had no ticket. This church was often so crowded that admission tickets were handed out prior to the services to avoid overpopulation. New facilities were desperately needed. Little Hattie was afraid of getting

lost in the shuffle of people. Worse yet, she was afraid of being turned away. Reverend Conwell happened to walk by the front gate where Hattie was standing. He took compassion on her, lifted her up on his shoulder and carried the little girl into the church, through the crowded foyer he found a small corner for her in the Sunday School room. Hattie gave him the hug of a comforted and happy child. This embrace would be etched in his mind for a lifetime.

A short time later, Hattie became ill and died. Her parents sought out the kind-hearted pastor who had befriended their daughter. At the funeral, her mother handed Reverend Conwell a small purse - Hattie's purse. It contained 57 cents. Her mother told him tearfully that Hattie had been saving up her money to help build a bigger church…big enough for all the children. The Pastor was deeply moved. He gratefully accepted the little girl's contribution. He later shared the story with the church congregation. Each of Hattie's 57 pennies was auctioned. Church members made donations. Checks came in from far and wide. Hattie May Wiatt's unselfish love had paid large dividends. Some of the members formed what they called the "Wiatt's Might Society" in which they were dedicated to making little Hattie's 57 cents grow. The amount of money raised through these efforts was a sizeable investment towards the purchase of a new property. 54 of Hattie's original pennies were, in time, donated back to the church, where they were put on display and can be seen to this day. The next time you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a present seating capacity of 3,300 and be sure to visit Temple University, as well as the Good Samaritan Hospital, both of which also claim their origin from the fruits of the Temple Baptist Church property purchased from the seed money of Hattie May Wiatt's 57 cents.

The power of God can only move if willing and surrendered hearts move. It is the essence of God to see the potential in each of us. It is the love of God that enables us to reach that potential. Even in this pandemic God is moving in the lives of men and women to continue to make a difference. Even with families and communities under great duress, God is moving and acting in the lives of people. We are God's hands and feet. People see God when they see us. People saw the power of God unleashed with 57 cents. Let us not underestimate how God can use us even in the times we find ourselves right now.

God Bless and remain safe,

Pastor Gool