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“Few Things”

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It’s almost been seven months since I arrived in Afghanistan. Wow! I can hardly believe it. There have been so many times I wanted to quit and come home. That would be the easiest way out of this grueling work schedule and continuous frustration that I am experiencing, right? Yet none of those reasons are sufficient. I have to crucify my flesh, my wants, and my comfort to remain here. Many days I have wanted to give up, but Holy Spirit would convict (sometimes convince) me to hang on.

Although it has been a tremendous challenge to trust the Lord, I have learned a **few things**. I’ve learned that in all the years I prayed for Him to send me to the nations; He heard me. I remember sitting in my home year after year crying out to the Lord to send me. In my heart I knew it would happen; it just didn’t happen in the way or at the time I thought. Nevertheless my prayers were heard and held in my Father’s memory. This prayer request was the beginning of a **few things** being released in my life. However, before I could go anywhere, the Lord had to prepare me. During this preparation time, He was equipping and developing His character within me. The preparation was a testing of my faith. Father was watching to see how well I obeyed and handled the **few things**.

If I had not obeyed the **few things** that seemed so insignificant: my life would be totally different. It was in the moments of the **few things** the Father revealed His goodness and love for me. I’m learning to not under estimate the importance of the simplicity of God’s word or direction. In Matthew 25:23 it says, “His lord said unto him, well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord”. Every step along the way is leading me into the place where the few things are becoming the many things.

Like Elijah, if we are not careful the **few things** will be forgotten and our faith will wavier. Elijah had lost focus of the **few things** and **many things** the Lord had brought him through. He was not looking at the situation concerning Jezebel through faith; he was looking at it through fear. Yet, the Lord in His mercy showed him it wasn’t in the bigness of an earthquake or the strength of the wind that got Elijah’s attention; it was the still small voice of God. Often it’s those small **few things** that bring the miracle.



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It is when the Lord proves us faithful in the **few things** that He is most pleased. Unfortunately, I have the tendency to think if I am not doing big important things for the Lord then nothing else matters. Yet, in the faithfulness of the **few things** done well, He said He will make us rulers over **many things**. That tells me I can't get to the **many things** without experiencing the **few things**.

Afghanistan has been only one of my **few things**. God has taught me that if I can live here; I can live anywhere. I have to admit that makes me a little nervous. I know I can't stay here forever, so it will be interesting to see where God's next assignment takes me. In my spirit I sense another adventure planned and the suspense is increasing every day. The future is uncertain for me, but there is no doubt that the Lord is my strength.

If only I could see **everything** through His eyes and His wisdom, my **few things** would soon be **many things**.

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