

Life Lessons

“Little Things Make a Big Difference”

Solomon wrote: “*He that walks with the wise shall be wise*” (Prov. 13:20). *Are you missing the big opportunities God gives you in little things?*

GOD HAS A BIG PLAN FOR YOU.

Remember 1 Cor. 1:27, “*God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise!*”

When we consider the lives of A.C. Gaebelien and B. H. Carroll, we see God accomplishing great things with humble means. Both Gaebelien and Carroll lacked formal theological education yet both help found great seminaries: Gaebelien – Dallas Theological Seminary, Carroll – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Both men were prolific writers and both dynamically influenced the world for Christ.

One event in the life of Gaebelien powerfully reminds us of the importance of the little things. As a disciplined and tireless student, Gaebelien was not only fluent in German, English, Latin, and Greek, but rose everyday at 4 AM to teach himself Hebrew. He was so burdened for the Jews to know Christ that he used the OT to prove to thousands of Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.

Gaebelien once sent every Rabbi in and around New York City a free copy of his book *Studies in Zechariah*. Some time later a young Hebrew Christian began attending Gaebelien’s lectures. It turned out that one Rabbi had simply discarded Gaebelien’s book but this young man, his secretary, dug it out of the garbage and trusted Christ. **Can’t you just see God smiling as He brings salvation out of the trash!**

Carroll’s life also speaks for the marvelous creative nature of our God. Carroll, a self-made scholar, was an avowed infidel. He swore he would never enter a church again. However in 1865 a friend persuaded him to attend an old-fashioned camp-meeting. The preacher that night challenged everyone present to make a “practical experiment” of Christianity giving Jesus a fair trial. On the grounds of intellectual fairness Carroll accepted the challenge. That night while riding home he fought his battle with Jesus and gave his life to Christ in the woods. The rest, shall we say, is history.

CONCLUSION: *Do the little things today to give glory to your big God and he will use your little things to make a big difference!*