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SMALL THINGS

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Dear Ones,

A quarter is such a small thing, just 25 cents. I recently traveled to Delmont on PA 66, a toll road. It was \$.75 per car at the toll booth – each way. Three quarters going north – pocket change! Pastor Jody covered the three quarters on the return trip. As we come into the season of Lent, I found myself thinking small – and of small things. I considered that ...

I am only a small person.

I have a small family. My resources are small:

my time is small,
my money is small,
my vision is small,
my strength is small,
my thoughts are small,
– even my heart is small.

I'm in a small Bible Study class. I met with a small church committee, in a small room.

Actually, our church is small with small resources; a small piece of land, a budget

(which seems huge, but) which is really small. We have a (long, but) small history. We have a small pastor (5'6") with small ability.

We are a small people with small knowledge, small gifts, and small hopes.

Even our fears are small.

We can only do small things.

I can only do small things.

But I, we, can do them with love,

a love greater than our own small love.

Because God is Love.

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My small love - our small love - is a conduit, a channel, a wire, a pipeline, a pathway
– to God.

My small love touches God.

Our small love becomes God's, infinite and eternal.

Even the smallest love,
if really love,
is complete and magnificent.

Even the smallest love,
even my love,
is God pouring into my world.

All love - any love - is great love.

I can only do small things.
I can only be small things.

But I can do them,
be them,
with great love,

because I can do them with God.

Yes, a quarter is just a small thing. A prayer or a kind word is a small thing. A gathering of 2 or 3, a smile, a meal skipped, an hour in worship or the Bible, a hug - all small things. Yet with love these small things reach the heart of God – and pass beyond counting. Below there is a picture of a very small woman holding a small child. Her name is Mother Teresa. By small things with great love she has changed the world.

Dear Ones, during Lent, whatever small thing you choose to do to keep a holy season and prepare for Holy Week, do it with love.

by His Love,
Pastor Bruce

