

of attitude. In this passage, they are now receiving a pep talk on how God will make good on his plan to bring them into the Promised Land. In verse 30 God tells the Israelites that he will “little by little” lead them to overcome the nations that will oppose them. What obstacles do you face in making a change in your life? What challenges need to be identified and overcome in order to move forward? Pray for wisdom and courage to move toward the changes you are planning to make in your life. Write your thoughts here.

Thursday, February 2

There are four guidelines that were mentioned in the message. The first was to choose your goal wisely recognizing that some goal have a cascading effect; that is in achieving some goals other goals are also met. What goals do you want to achieve and what are the timelines for those goals? You may need to use more paper to reflect on these goals. Now work on the second guideline in make the goals SMART – Specific, Measurable, Achievable Relevant and Timely. Give your goals some depth in making specific plans to make those goals a reality Write down as much as you can to make your goals SMART!

Friday, February 3

To make our goals a reality when you begin your journey with a single step, you need to track your progress. How are you quantifying your goals to make them a reality? Are you consistently working toward those goals each and every day? As you track and begin to succeed in your goals you need to guard them – that is protect your progress by keeping up your daily small steps that will accumulate into great accomplishment. Write your thoughts on how to track your progress. Perhaps that record of progress will be enough to guard your success, but further think about how to safeguard your journey. Write your ideas here.

Message Notes – January 29, 2023

You in X Years – Too Small to Fail *

- I. There's a Chinese proverb that goes like this, “Even a journey of a thousand miles begins with a _____ step.”
 - A. The title of today’s Message is “Too Small to Fail” which is a phrase from a book by Stephen Guise titled _____-*Habits*.”
 - B. The idea is that we reach our goals best by developing _____-habits that accumulate and create _____ results.
- II. We’ve looked at the story from the Hebrew book of Exodus that tells us about the _____ people moving into the land _____ promise them.
 - A. What God wanted for the Israelites and us to understand is because they were small and they were going to have to _____ on God and when God is with you, you are too small to _____.
 - B. _____ by _____ the people of God entered and possessed what God promised them.
- III. Little by little, one step at a time, we can accomplish so much over time. Steps too _____ to fail.
 - A. Stephen Guise says _____ your goals.

 - B. This concept is all over the _____, by the way.
- IV. Four _____ to move us all toward the goals we want to accomplish in X Years!

*Matthew 13:31-35 and Exodus 23:20-33

- A. First, _____ carefully.
- B. Second, you should spell it out _____.
- C. Third, you need to _____ your progress.
- D. Fourth and finally, you have to _____ what you accomplish.
- E. Never miss your daily goals _____.
1. In math story problems the word “by” means to _____.
 2. Our efforts are _____ and the results are staggering!
 3. Charles Spurgeon puts it this way: " _____, my heart! Go on little by little, for many littles will make a _____ whole!"

Daily Devotional Guide

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

Monday, January 30

The Message began with the mention of the Chinese proverb that goes like this, “Even a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” No matter how long your journey or how far out you’re planning to make a change in your life, that journey or plan begins with a single step. Think about a change or the changes

you’d like to make in your life. What is the first step you can take to begin to make your goal a reality? Write at least one of your goals that you’d like to accomplish, no matter the timeline for that goal. Now, write down the first step you believe you should take toward making that goal a reality. It might be a phone call or an appointment you need to make. What is the first step? Now, ask yourself, is there anything keeping you from making that first step today? If not today, then select a time and place for you to make that first move toward your success in making a change in your life! Write your ideas here.

Tuesday, January 31

Read Exodus 23:20-33. The context of this story is that Moses has brought the Israelites out of captivity in Egypt and for forty years they have wandered in the wilderness. Pastor Jack suggested that the reason for the forty years in the wilderness when in actuality it should have only taken eleven days to make the journey was the people needed an “attitude adjustment.” They needed to overcome their lives as slaves in order to move toward a deep trust in God and the courage and confidence to move toward the Promised Land.

Think about the changes you’ve tried to make in the past. Why haven’t you been able to make those changes? What was holding you back (or enslaving you)? What attitudes do you need to alter in order to move with confidence and courage toward the goals you want to achieve? Goal with which God would desire to bless you? Reflect on these questions, pray for God’s wisdom and write your reflections here.

Wednesday, February 1

Read Exodus 23:20-33. Yesterday, we talked about the necessary attitude adjustments we may need to move toward our goals with courage and confidence. The people of Israel needed that change