

“IN THE BEGINNING”

TEXT I: Zechariah 4:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand.”

MSG

Does anyone dare despise this day of small beginnings? They'll change their tune when they see Zerubbabel setting the last stone in place!”

According to the word of God, a humble beginning is actually a better starting point.

God demonstrated this when he created the world

In Genesis 1, bible says “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

Brethren, in the eyes and judgement of men, they would wonder why God can ever say that He created heavens that has no form and earth that is filled with darkness.

Men will despise such work as it looks very meaningless.

But brethren, God demonstrated that what men thought did not matter, but what mattered was whether God is standing with you.

Bible says that though heavens had no form and earth was filled with darkness, yet the Spirit was there hovering over the waters.

Romans 8:31

31 What then shall we say in response to these things?
If God is for us, who can be against us?

Once the Spirit of God shows up in anything we are doing, it does not matter what men think about it.

The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters, demonstrating His presence even when heaven had no form and earth filled with darkness.

Now God already had a master plan He wanted to execute. But like every new plan, He did not know what the result would look like when executed.

But that unknown terrane did not stop Him from executing.

He however knew that next should either be light in the darkness or give a form to the heavens. He tried the first one and evaluated the result.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault “sky.”

He continued to try and evaluate:

⁹ And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” **And God saw that it was good.**

¹¹ Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds
... And God saw that it was good.

Brethren, what we learn, even with, God’s creation:

- **He took incremental steps and evaluated each outcome.**
- **The Spirit of God was involved from the beginning**
- **God did not start involving the opinions of others until things had taken shape (you do not need fear or mockers)**

²⁴ And God saw that it (everything) was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

When God calls us to ministry, He expects us to launch out and follow His example of incremental steps.

God launched out with first creation that may have seemed as nothing by men's standards and judgement. - heaven had no form and earth was filled with darkness.

You may launch out when your move can be described as such but by the leading of the Spirit of God you make incremental steps that lead to "everything looking good."

Romans 8:14 says"

"13For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14**For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **15**For you did not receive a spirit of slavery that returns you to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father."

Galatians 5:18

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

Psalms 32:8

8I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will give you counsel and watch over you.

Brethren, we have lessons to learn from our Father:

- His first launch out was not perfect by man's standards
- He took incremental steps to improve on it and evaluated each outcome.
- The Spirit of God was involved from the beginning
- God did not start involving the opinions of others until things had taken shape (you do not need fear or mockers)

Lets go and imitate the steps of our Father, leaning on the Spirit of God for guidance. GOD BLESS YOU!

2019 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray over today's message. Wisdom to lean on the Holy Spirit for guidance on the steps to take
2. For KCM ask for grace to diligently fulfil its mandate as "the house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.
3. Prayer for the Leaders of Nations – for wisdom, to lean on the Spirit of God
4. Ask God for peace to continue to reign in nations
5. Continue to ask God to have mercy on our land, forgive our sins & heal us (2 Chro, 7:13-18).
6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries.- Wisdom to lean on the Holy Spirit for guidance on the steps to take
7. Pray for Marriages, Children and families. Restoration of troubled marriages & children - Wisdom to lean on the Holy Spirit for guidance on the steps to take in every family decision
8. Pray for Members of the fellowship - Wisdom to lean on the Holy Spirit for guidance on the steps to take in every decision
9. Pray for the needs of the members & the fellowship, and any special request.
10. Pray for next Sunday.