



Bible Study
April 8, 2020

CHOP WOOD CARRY WATER

Chapter 5
Faithful in the Small Things
Matthew 25:21

This chapter demonstrates the essence of chop wood carry water. It teaches us the importance of controlling the controllables. It shows the biblical principle of being faithful in the small things.

Point to Ponder—Every big thing is wrapped up in several small things.

In this chapter, John is excited that after about a year of chopping wood and carrying water, he would finally be able to compete in an archery tournament. He loved competition and was intent on winning the tournament. His focus now had shifted from chopping wood and carrying water to “winning the tournament.”

That’s when Akira began to teach John the lesson of being faithful in the small things. Mother Theresa always told people to “be faithful in the small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

Akira then tells John about how the Ikea Company started with a young boy who spent four or five years selling individual match sticks door to door. Then, how Steve Jobs did not set out to transform entertainment, computers, music, tele-communications, and education. It happened as a by-product of passion, persistence, and faithfulness to a small idea.

Many times, the goal becomes a distraction because it takes the focus away from what it takes to reach the goal. The goal is the by-product of being faithful in small things. When you are faithful in the small things, the goal takes care of itself. We must fight the temptation to focus on the thing you cannot control and keep your focus on what you can control.

1. What are some small things that you must focus on now to reach the things that God has promised?
2. Since you can't control the outcome of Covid-19, what are the things you can control?
3. Please respond—everyone wants to be great until it's time to do what greatness requires—
[Hebrews 10:36](#).
4. Please respond—what does it mean in biblical terms to keep your focus on the process and surrender the outcome?
5. Process Scriptures—[Matthew 6:33](#), [2 Corinthians 9:7-8](#), [Proverbs 3:5-9](#), [Philippians 4:6-7](#),
[Romans 8:28](#), [John 8:31-32](#)