## Pastor's Weekly Devotional - September 19, 2019

## "Small Things With A Great Message"

<u>Proverbs</u> 30: 24-28 tells us about Ants, Badgers, Locusts and Lizards. According to verse 24, these four creatures are "Small on earth…but exceedingly wise." Their size doesn't mean insignificance. Each has certain ability but carries a peril at the same time.

- The Ant works in unison with no authoritative figure to drive them.
- The Badger is intelligent, rugged and resilient and good at escaping its opponents.
  - The Locust has "no king" but works as a team and can wreak havoc.
- The Lizard is a master of disguises. Slippery when grabbed and can move away so quickly before you realize it.

Each of these creatures has a clever message for each of us.

- Are we slippery like the lizards? Are we evasive?
- Do we have a favorite anthill to escape when confronted with issues beyond our control? Do we run away?
- Are we moody like the locust which can suddenly change from being mild and quiet to restless and irritable?

Stop making excuses. Stop looking for a way out. God wants you to win. He has put within you the strength to push forward, the courage to do it and the will to overcome any obstacle.

If you think of the negatives you will act like one of God's small creatures when faced with a peril. The negatives will stop you before you even start. Whatever you need to discourage you will always be present. But God has called you, not to sink under the waves of impossibility and improbability, but to walk upon the stormy waters of life.

It is truly said: It does not take much strength to do things, but it does require great strength to decide what to do. It's not what you have; rather it is what you do with what you have that makes a difference.

Consider the Ant, the Badger, the Locust and the Lizard. Small things doing great things. Likewise, remind yourself of God's promise to you: "I can do <u>all things</u> through Christ who strengthens me."

Stop making excuses. Forge ahead. Push forward. You plus Christ equals a winner!

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday. Pastor Sewdin