AFTER CHURCH DEVI

Topic: Faithful in the Small, Trusted with More

Opening Prayer:

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." — Psalm 37:5

Lord, help us to be faithful in every task You give us, whether big or small. Teach us to serve with humility and trust that You will use our obedience for Your glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Read: Acts 6:1-15

Have you ever felt that your role in the kingdom of God is insignificant? In Acts 6, the early church faced a practical problem—some widows were being overlooked in the daily food distribution. Instead of becoming overwhelmed, the apostles wisely appointed seven men to oversee this responsibility so they could focus on preaching the Word.

Among these seven was Stephen, described as "a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 6:5). At first glance, this role seemed minor—serving food to widows. But Stephen's faithfulness in this task positioned him for something greater.

Stephen didn't just distribute food; he preached the gospel powerfully. God worked through him to perform signs and wonders (Acts 6:8), and his wisdom was undeniable. Soon, opposition arose, and false accusations were made against him. Yet, even in the face of hostility, Stephen's face "was like the face of an angel" (Acts 6:15)—radiating the presence of God.

This passage teaches us an important truth: being faithful in small things prepares us for greater things. Stephen wasn't seeking a platform or recognition—he simply obeyed. And God used him mightily.

Sometimes, we think service must be glamorous to be meaningful. But God often calls us to faithfulness in ordinary tasks before entrusting us with more. Whether serving behind the scenes at church, helping a neighbor, or being kind in a difficult workplace, God sees our obedience. Faithfulness in the little things shapes us for the greater things He has in store.

Conclusion:

God doesn't measure greatness by status, but by faithfulness. Stephen's story reminds us that no act of service is too small when done for the glory of God. If we are faithful in what He entrusts to us today, He will open doors for greater impact tomorrow.

Discussion Questions:

For Students:

- 1. Have you ever felt like what you do for God isn't important? Why or why not?
- 2. How can you be faithful in small tasks at home, school, or church?
- 3. What can you learn from Stephen's example?

For Parents:

- 1. How can you model faithfulness in everyday life for your children?
- 2. Why is it important to serve with the right heart, even in unnoticed roles?
- 3. How can your family encourage one another to trust God in both small and big tasks?

For Professionals:

- 1. Do you find it hard to see God's purpose in your daily work? Why?
- 2. How can you serve with excellence, even in tasks that seem mundane?
- 3. What lessons from Stephen's life can help you remain faithful where you are?

This week, commit to serving God wholeheartedly in something small. Whether it's helping a coworker, volunteering at church, or simply being consistent in prayer, choose to be faithful in the little things and trust God with the results.