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Big things do happen in small places! Just think about [Bethlehem](#). Who would ever imagine that God would chose to enter our world in such an obscure little place.

Such was the case on that January 6<sup>th</sup> morning in 1856 when a snow storm hit England and a 15 year old [Charles Spurgeon](#) was unable to get to the church that he usually attended. He turned down Artillery Street and entered the small Primitive Methodist Church where only a handful of people stood hovering around the stove. The preacher didn't even make it to the service that morning!

A thin-looking lay speaker stood that morning and read Isaiah 45:22—*“Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.”* The inexperienced speaker needing something else to say kept on repeating the text. Finally, he saw the young man Charles sitting in the back of the church. Pointing his finger at the lad, he cried, “Look, young man! Look to Christ!”

That is exactly what young Charles did. That morning he gave his life to Jesus. He later said about that morning, “The snow fell on my road home from the little house of prayer. I thought every snowflake talked to me and told of the pardon I had found.” When he arrived back home, his mother saw his expression and said, “Something wonderful has happened to you.” It really had! Something big had happened that day at that little place.

Charles Spurgeon would become the most widely-read preacher in the history of Christendom. There is today more material written by Spurgeon than any other Christian author of any generation. He is remembered as the “Prince of Preachers.” In 1854, when he came to be the Pastor in London, the church had 232 members. Soon there were so many people coming that he sometimes asked the members to stay away the next Sunday to accommodate the newcomers! He seldom preached to fewer than 6,000 people and once to almost 24,000. It has been calculated that in this lifetime, Charles Spurgeon probably preached to over 10,000,000 people . . . without a microphone!

My point here is that only God really knows what is happening. We calculate “success” by what we see, and often the greater “success” involves things we can't see. I suppose then that sometimes the smaller ponds yield the biggest fish!

Think again about the words of the great old gospel song:

**In the harvest field now ripened,  
There's a work for all to do.  
Hark, the voice of God is calling,  
To the harvest calling you.**

**CHORUS**

**Little is much when God is in it.  
Labor not for wealth or fame.  
There's a crown and you can win it,  
If you go in Jesus' name.**

**Does the place you're called to labor  
Seem so small and little known?  
It is great if God is in it,  
And He'll not forget His own.**

