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THE IMPACT OF
FAITHFUL SERVICE IN
SMALL THINGS

2 Kings 5:1-27

2 KINGS 5:1–4 (NKJV)

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יָטֵב — **adj. small, young, unimportant; — ... — 1.**
small: especially a. of children, youth = *young*, Gn
44:20 (J) 2 S 9:12; 1 K 11:17; 2 K 2:23; 5:2.

Brown, F., Driver, S. R., & Briggs, C. A. (1977). *Enhanced Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Oxford: Clarendon Press

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ALMOST WITHOUT
EXCEPTION THE GREATEST
CONTRIBUTION TO THE
SUCCESS OF ANY
ENDEAVOR IS DUE TO
LITTLE THINGS AND
ORDINARY PEOPLE.

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THE PRINCIPLE
WORKS TWO WAYS.

SMALL THINGS HAVE GREAT
POWER BOTH FOR EVIL AND
GOOD – "SIN" &
"RIGHTEOUSNESS"

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FROM THE LESSER TO THE GREATER ...

- THE KINGDOM - (Mustard seed & Leaven - Mat 13:31-33)
- FAITH - (Mustard seed - Mat 17:20)
- FALSE TEACHING - (Leaven - Mat 16:6,11,12; Gal 5:9)
- SIN - (Leaven - 1 Cor 5:6)

LUKE 16:10–13 (NKJV)

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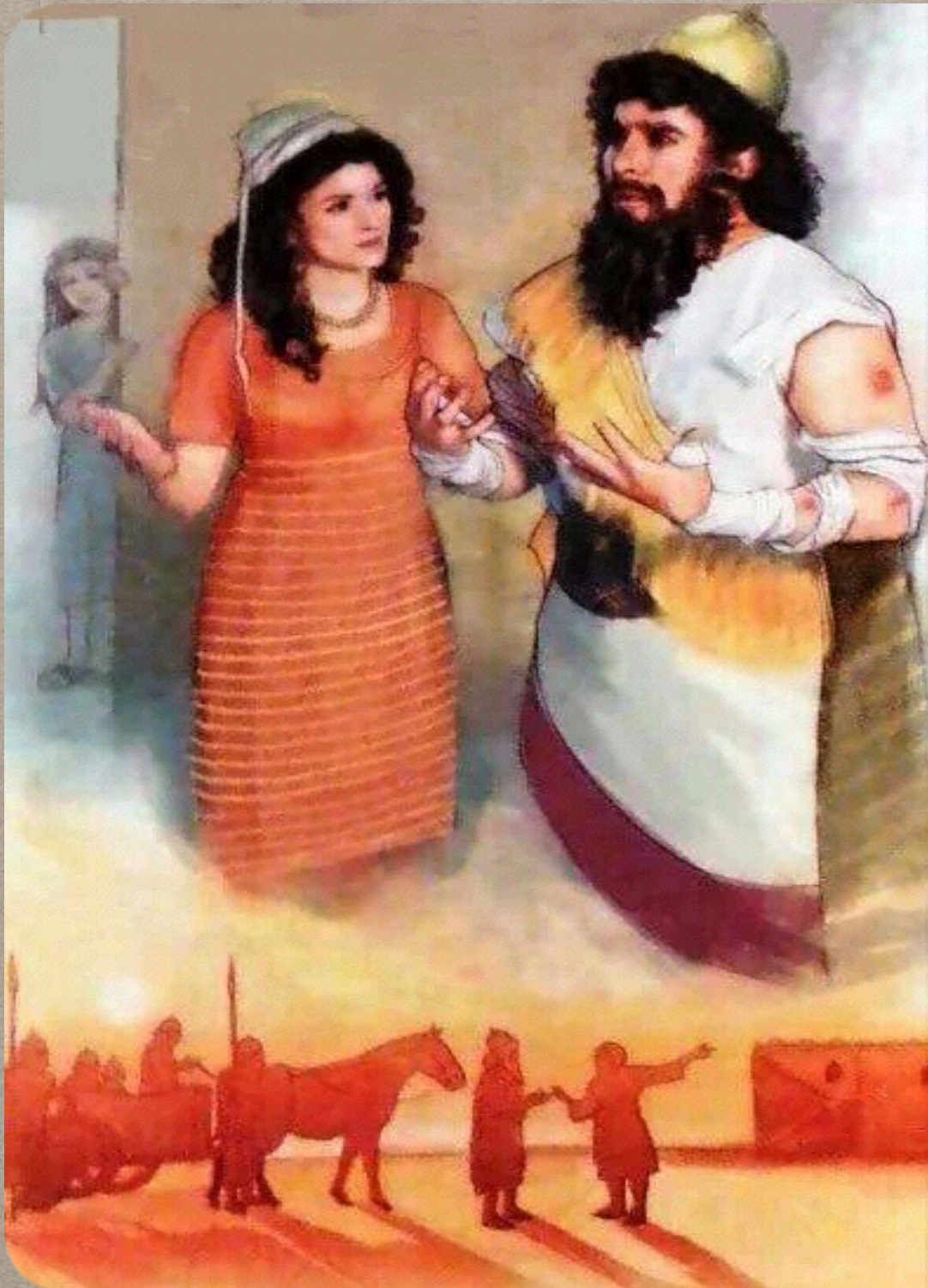


- THE ISRAELITES were guilty of “Despising the day of small things - (Zec 4:10)
- THE ONE-TALENT-MAN did not understand the value of small things (Matthew 25:14- 30)
- EVEN A CUP OF WATER given in the name of a disciple will be rewarded (Matthew 10:42).

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- NAAMAN - Commander of the Syrian armies / SERVANT of the King of Syria - Ben-Hadad II (860-841 b.c.) - 1
- A CAPTIVE SLAVE FROM ISRAEL - a young girl who served Naaman's wife - 2,3
- KING OF SYRIA - Ben-Hadad II - concern enough for his servant to seek his well being - 4-6

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- KING JORAM - son of Ahab - aware of Elisha, but could not see beyond himself, his inadequacies & insecurities - (2 Kings 8:6,7; 9:24)
- ELISHA - prophet in Israel - The man of God - a farmer, a disciple first - 3,8-10; (1 Kings 19:19; 2 Kings 2:1-15)
- NAAMAN - considered God's command beneath him - wanted to pay - 9-12

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- NAAMAN - God's gifts cannot be purchased by 'GREAT THINGS' - (15,16; Acts 8:18)
- NAAMAN, understood his need for God's mercy - (17-19)

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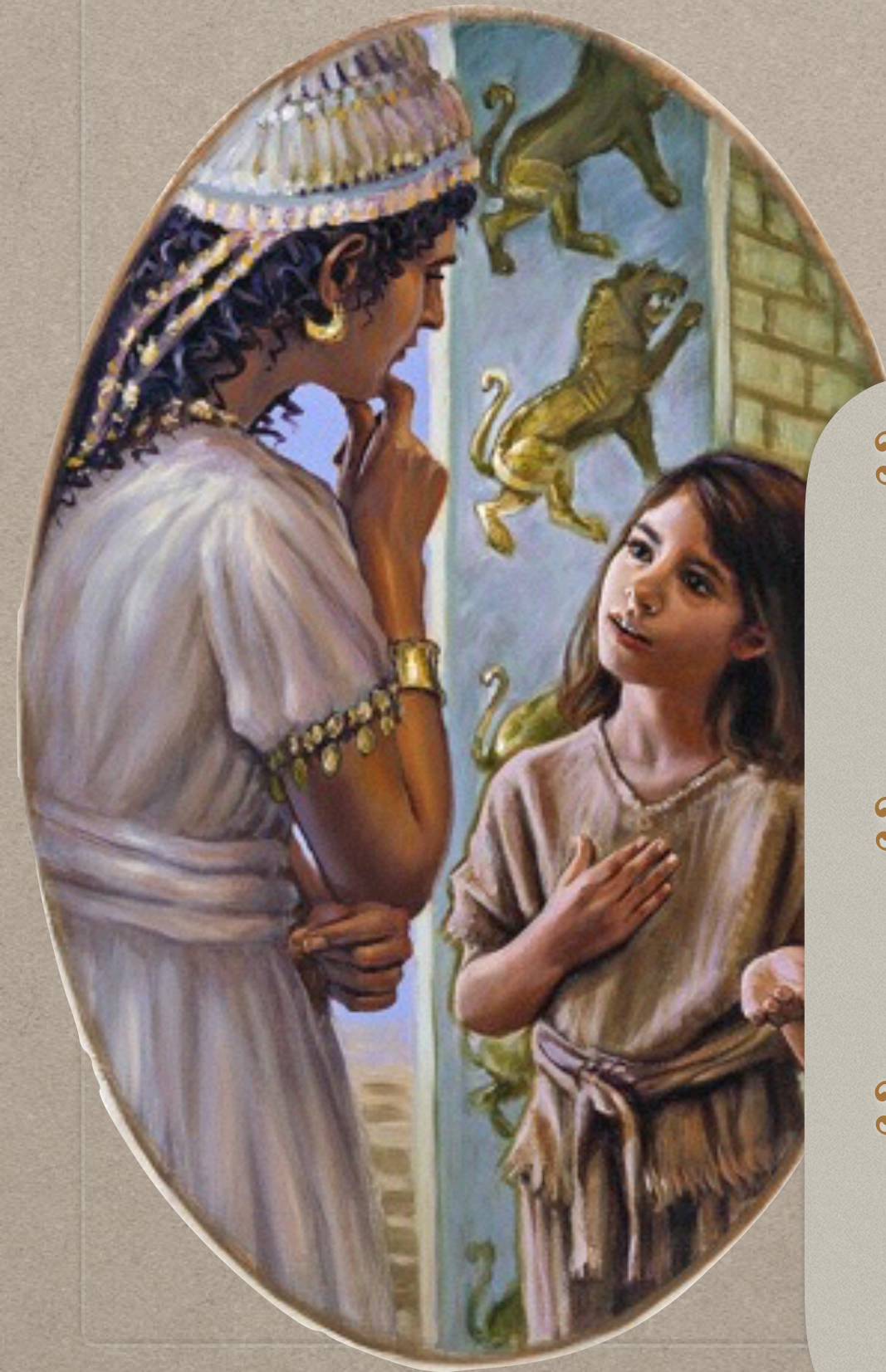
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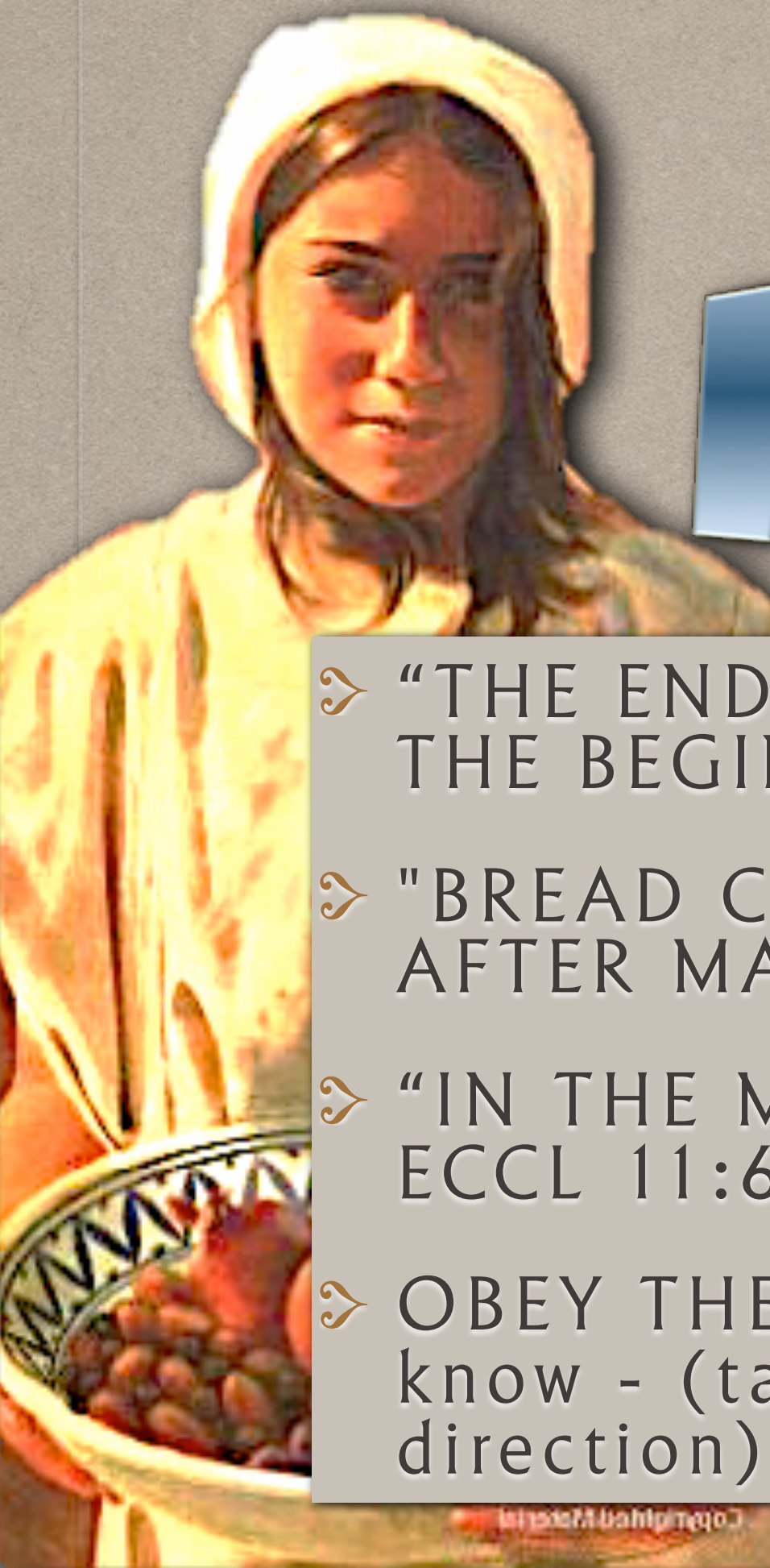


- Every Christian has ability, just in different ways and in different degrees - 1 Cor 12:14–31
- We must use what we have, and thereby improve it - Mat 25:14-30
- It may be small in the beginning, but a lot of great things have had small beginnings.



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- A SERVANT GIRL set in motion events resulting in NAAMAN being healed & becoming a believer in GOD - (2 Kings 5:1-19).



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- "THE END OF A THING IS BETTER THAN THE BEGINNING" - ECCL 7:8
- "BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS RETURNS AFTER MANY DAYS." - ECCL 11:1
- "IN THE MORNING , SOW YOUR SEED ..." - ECCL 11:6
- OBEY THE LORD TODAY - Do what you know - (take the NEXT step in the right direction) 2 Cor 6:2



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WHO KNOWS...HOW
GOD CAN USE YOU TO
HELP SOMEONE ELSE.

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