

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT
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Centuries ago, traders came to Indonesia to get spices. At that time, nutmeg and a few other spices were found only on Indonesian islands.

Some traders tried to keep the location of the spices a secret. They tried to keep traders from other countries from coming to the “Spice Islands.” They wanted to keep all the profits for their country.

The spice trade had a big influence on exploration, as explorers tried to find different ways to get to the islands. One very famous explorer even sailed west to go east— but he sailed into the Americas instead!

Something as small as nutmeg can influence an important series of events.

Jesus talked about some small things and other things that people may think are not important: a mustard seed (Matt. 17:20), lilies (Matt. 6:28), two coins (Luke 21:1–4), a boy with five loaves of bread and two fish (John 6:9).

Paul wrote that God “chose what the world thinks is unimportant and what the world looks down on and thinks is nothing in order to destroy what the world thinks is important” (1 Cor. 1:28).

And when God sent Jesus to earth, He came as a small baby.

Never think that what you have is too little for God to use.

“With God’s power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever. Amen” (Eph. 3:20–21).