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 - Frequently used to describe anything that is small in its beginning
 - Used often by Rabbis in teaching
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✧ The Kingdom of God begins with the birth, life, an crucifixion of Jesus.
Unimpressive to the untrained eye...

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 - c. So then why don't we react this way???
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** God is at work even when human eyes may fail to perceive what is happening.*

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 - 3.Know you are the pinnacle of His creation and He includes you as something of incredible value! (Eph 2:10)**
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