

**"A NEW BEGINNING, DOES NOT TAKE MUCH!" - SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**  
**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**EZEKIEL 33:7-11; ROMANS 13:8-14; MATTHEW 18:15-20**  
**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**Do you ever think what you could do, if you had just a little bit more? If you had just a little more energy, a little more money, a little more faith, a little more power, a little more support? What could you do then? When it comes to your spiritual journey, what do you have enough of and what do you need more of? Today, as we study the text from Matthew, we are reminded, 'if two of you agree about anything..., where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them.'** In this scripture, we see it does not take many of us to come together, to know Jesus is with us. We see, too, it does not take much for Jesus to make his power known to us. Just think, even if Jesus does not have much to work with or many of us to follow and to believe in him, we are still enough, because 'for God all things are possible.' Trust a new beginning in God's grace today does not take much, for God is at work, and God can perform incredible miracles. Celebrate this simple truth: God takes what he has, who we are, and God makes it more than enough!

1. A new beginning in God's grace, does not really take that much!

"Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them." Matthew 18:19-20

- A. It really does not take much grace to grow anew in Christ!  
Matthew 18:19
- B. It really does not take much grace to lead us in community and a new way to care for others in Christ! Romans 13:9
- C. It really does not take much grace to realize a new beginning in the forgiveness of Christ! Ezekiel 33:11; Matthew 18:15-18
- D. It really does not take much grace to know a new beginning in the strength of Christ, the power of Christ, the hope of Christ! Romans 13:12,14; Romans 8:31-39 (Today's faith statement)

- E. It really does not take much grace to trust in a new way Christ is here in our midst, to believe anew we are saved in Christ, to remember, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit are with us always!  
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2. We all would like more and more of everything in life. We sometimes even wonder what we could do or would do if we had more - more energy, more money, more faith and more hope. As we search for more and more hope and faith, let us celebrate and trust a new beginning in Jesus Christ! Thanks be to God, all of this, really does not take much of God's grace!  
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