



## A VOICE IN THE NIGHT PSALM 134

***“Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,  
and bless the Lord.”***

**Psalm 134:2**



Psalm 134 has only three verses, but it is proof that little things can mean a lot. The first two verses are an admonition to the priests who serve in God’s house night after night. The building was dark and empty; nothing of consequence was occurring - or so it seemed. Yet these ministers were encouraged to *“lift up [their] hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord”* (v.2). The third verse is a voice from the congregation calling into the darkness and loneliness of the night: *“The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.”*

I think of other servants of the Lord today - pastors and their families who serve in small churches in small places. They’re often discouraged, tempted to lose heart, doing their best, serving unnoticed and unrewarded. They wonder if anyone cares what they’re doing; if anyone ever thinks of them, prays for them, or considers them a part of their lives.

I would say to them - and to anyone who is feeling lonely or insignificant: Though your place is small, it is a holy place. The one who made and moves heaven and earth is at work in and through you. “Lift up your hands” and praise Him.

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**Anyone doing God’s work in God’s  
way is important in His sight.**

## FIVE STEPS IN LEADING YOUR FAMILY IN DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER TIME

- 1st** - Take a few minutes to discuss the Scripture  
*Insight discussion/Application discussion*
- 2nd** - Ask your family for personal praises  
*Works of God! Blessings from above*
- 3rd** - Take personal prayer requests
  - Needs
  - Concerns
  - Desires
- 4th** - Personal quiet time of confession and forgiveness
  - Things I have said
  - Things others have said
  - Things I have thought
  - Things I have done
  - Things others have done to me
- 5th** - Pray
  - Start by thanking the Lord
  - Needs
  - Protection
  - Provision