When Small Gifts Are Huge

Huge is a word that is being used a lot by a certain politician these days. So this morning I want to talk to you before our offering about how your gift can be huge. Now before you worry that I want all of your 401K I want to tell you a story from the Bible that illustrates how sometimes the smallest gifts are the largest.

We all remember the story of the widow's mite. The Gospel of Mark records that story of Jesus and his disciples sitting where people put in their offerings. The passage says, "Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." **Her small gift became huge!**

Then a few pages over in the Gospel of Mark a story is recorded of a woman came with an expensive jar of perfume that she poured out on Jesus feet. Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. **She did what she could**. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her." **Her small gift became huge!**

II Corinthians 8 contains a challenge from the Apostle Paul for the Corinthians to finish on a promised offering to the poor saints in Jerusalem. In verse eleven it says, "Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, **according to your means."**

This morning as we take up the offering what makes your gift huge is what that gift says about your heart. The two small gifts in the Bible are remembered more than any other gift. They gave according to their means but their heart behind the gift is what made their gifts huge! Let's all give that way this morning!