

Fine Thread Builds a Bridge

A hundred feet above the Apurimac River, near the remote village of Huinchin, Peru, there is a suspension bridge that connects the Limi-Cuzco Road. The Apurimac River flows through narrow gorges with depths twice as deep as the Grand Canyon in the United States.

The suspension bridge has been there since the 14th century. Using four miles of braided coya grass, the Inca (South American Indians) constructed the bridge in phases.

First, a bowman attached a fine thread to an arrow and fired it across the gorge. The cord was then pulled across. One by one, the Inca added thicker and thicker ropes, finally hauling into place a 200-pound floor cable.

The bridge, which today is still suspended across the river, continues to serve as a major highway for the people in that part of Peru. It began with a single thread.

Think how many changes take place in life because of a single phone call, the implementation of one idea, one visit, or a single letter. All great bridges stem from tiny beginnings.



It is the same for our faith. A single act of forgiveness, a personal commitment to be more involved in the life of the church, a gift or a helping hand to a neighbor or even a stranger can change a life or set a chain reaction of positive accomplishments in motion.

Major construction – like that bridge over the Apurimac River – may seem overwhelming at first. But every change that is made for the betterment of humankind starts with a single act.

It's that way in the spiritual realm as well. Isn't that what God did with the birth of Christ? God introduced the possibility of total transformation with the gift of a child in a manger.

In a remote place of the world and through a humble, peasant couple, God set the stage for a new kingdom to emerge.

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand (Zechariah 4:10 NLT).

– Beecher Hunter