

In a small group this afternoon we celebrate something quite large: the love of two people and their promise for a meaningful future together. Sometimes a small thing conceals its immense importance.

The way that Mayra and Rob met is one example. They had each planned a night out with some of their own friends and ended up in the same bar. No one in one group knew anyone in the other group. But someone thought it would be fun to combine the groups. Rob met Mayra, and Mayra met Rob. They talked. Then they talked some more. After everyone else had left, they were still talking. Two people at a single table looks like a very small thing. But it may lead to something of immense importance.

Jesus used two small examples in the gospel that Mayra and Rob chose for their wedding. This passage comes from the Sermon on the Mount. After proclaiming the Beatitudes, Jesus demonstrated one of his greatest abilities—telling stories, crafting parables, making metaphors. He selected two items from everyday life: salt that flavors food and light that breaks the darkness. It doesn't take much salt to make a big difference in a meal; in fact, too much salt can make food inedible. It doesn't take much light to see the details; in fact, too much light can blind you. Sometimes small is good.

Rob and Mayra, you both have done work that benefits individuals more than groups—providing life-saving equipment on airplanes and life-sustaining help for sick children. By focusing on the needs of individuals, you have made all of society better.

The few words you are about to say to each other have a deep meaning. Like planting a seed, they carry the potential for great things to come. The impact of your commitment will extend beyond individuals to the community at large. With the help of Christ, you will be salt for the earth and light for the world.