

Daily Devotion For April 25, 2021

10 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

Yesterday, a few members of El Estero gathered together with hundreds of others at Colton Hall for a rally to protest the rise of racism and hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders over the past year.

The speakers represented a broad span of Asian Americans from Filipino, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Thai ancestry and as well as many of our local and national political leaders.

Sometimes we may wonder what difference a protest may have on the course of human events. Will anything change as a result of yesterday's rally? But I do recall that on October 31, 1517, a small piece of paper with 97 theses written by Martin Luther nailed to the Wittenberg door in Germany launched the **Protestant** Reformation which did change the course of western civilization and religious faith. Zechariah 4:10 tells us not to despise the day of small beginnings.

Thought For Today: From a small beginning, Martin Luther's protest against the Catholic Church turned the western world upside down and launched the **Protestant** Reformation. It caused Michael King to change his name to Martin Luther King and to change the name of his son to Martin Luther King Jr. You never know what a small rally on the lawn at Colton Hall will have to change the hearts and attitudes of those who live on the Monterey Peninsula.

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that yesterday's protest rally at Colton Hall will help stem the tide of racism and hate against those of Asian American and Pacific Islander here on the Monterey Peninsula and to the world. Continue to pray this week's prayer fuel. Deo Volente.