

Ordinary To Extraordinary

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God wants to empower ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

1. SEE YOURSELF AS GOD SEES YOU.

*11 The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. 12 When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, **mighty warrior**."*

Judges 6:11-12 NIV

God sees us where we are and calls us by who we are.

Gideon filtered God's message through his own lens.

13 "But sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian."

Judges 6:13 NIV

We must see ourselves as God sees us.

14 The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" Judges 6:14 NIV

2. TODAY, DO WHAT GOD HAS ASKED YOU TO DO.

27 So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the men of the town, he did it at night rather than in the daytime. Judges 6:27 NIV

There are 2 major challenges to following the Lord daily:

1. Perfection
2. Fear

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:25, 33 NIV

God has asked us to fulfill the 5 values of Capital Christian:

1. Love God through worship
2. Know God through fellowship
3. Grow in God through His Word
4. Serve God by serving others
5. Share Christ with the lost

3. LET GOD BE THE HERO IN YOUR STORY.

2 The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her." Judges 7:2 NIV

The good in our lives is a product of having a good God.

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17 NIV

God, through a series of trials, shrunk Gideon's army to 300, making it obvious that He was the hero.

22 When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the Lord caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. The army fled to Beth Shittah toward Zererah as far as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath. Judges 7:22 NIV

God will do amazing things when we let our Extraordinary God take us from the ordinary.