

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Ordinary Men

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Danesa is still recovering from knee surgery. Tiffany, Beverly's sister needs prayers. Wayne Ezell, and Peggy Beebe.

Prayers Answered:

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Steve and Abby are in Juneau and will likely be there until April. Hans will be traveling for a week. Jonathan Crawford is traveling. Joe Murdock is traveling.

Family Activities: VBS is only a few months away. Start planning to participate now. Check with Joe Murdock on things he needs done.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. **John 1:40-41 (KJV)**

Today's Wisdom: "It's better to be ordinary and have only one servant than to think you are somebody and starve to death." **Proverbs 12:9 (CEV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 87/62 Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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God's Plan of Salvation

- HearRomans 10:17
- BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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A couple of weeks ago, Ed loaned me a book that is titled "The Glory of the Ordinary". It is a book on personal work. The theme is that ordinary Christians can do extraordinary things for God when we set our minds to it. Initially the book discussed Andrew, one of the twelve Apostles of Jesus. There is not much said about him in the New Testament, he is mentioned only 13 times. There are no books written by him that are in the Bible. Luke says nothing about him except that he was one of the twelve and mentions him only once in each of his books (Luke and Acts). But John tells us that when he found Jesus he immediately went to his brother, Peter and told him "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). Peter became a follower of Jesus and turned into one of the strongest disciples and along with James and John was one of the three apostles that are considered the "inner circle" of Jesus' followers. And it was to Peter that Jesus gave the "Keys of the Kingdom". So although Andrew can be considered an "ordinary man" he did an extraordinary thing by bringing Peter to Jesus. And that one act changed the world.

Sometimes we think that since we are not able to speak like some, or sing like some, or remember the scriptures like some that we can't have much of an impact for the church. We are just "ordinary". The Contemporary English Version (CEV) of the Bible tells us: *"The officials were amazed to see how brave Peter and John were, and they knew that these two apostles were only ordinary men and not well educated. The officials were certain that these men had been with Jesus."* **Acts 4:13 (CEV)** Jesus chose the "ordinary" people in the world to become His emissaries and it was to those men that He trusted to take the message of salvation to a lost world. Jesus chose only one really educated person to spread the salvation message and that was Saul of Tarsus who would become the Apostle Paul. All the rest of the Apostles of Jesus were just "Ordinary".

And these "ordinary" men did extra ordinary things by trusting Jesus. Peter, walked on water and was crucified upside down, James became the second named martyr for Jesus when he was beheaded by Herod, John was boiled in oil and exiled for Jesus. Yet through all this, they remained faithful to Jesus. Just three of the twelve ordinary men who did extra ordinary things because of their belief.

Today, we "ordinary Christians" can still do extraordinary things for the Kingdom. We cannot speak in tongues, we cannot heal the sick through a miracle, we cannot expect to receive a gift of knowledge such that we have instant recall of everything in the Bible without years of study. And we may not be able to preach or teach. But we can feed the hungry. We can clothe the naked. We can bring water to the thirsty. We can visit the sick. We can visit those in pris-

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on. And we can help those who can preach, and we can help those can teach. If all that we are able to do is invite others to study the Bible, we may then be like Andrew. Who knows if the one person you invite to a Bible study may turn out to be a great preacher who takes the gospel to thousands.

Paul in his first letter to the Christians in Corinth dealt with this when he told them *"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?"*³¹ *But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."* **1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (KJV)**

So when you begin to think "I can't", remember that twelve ordinary men changed the world. They were able to do this because they loved Jesus and they loved the lost. So...love God and love the lost which is the "more excellent way" that Paul referred to, then do what you can!