

Extraordinarily Normal 1

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God uses “Normal” people, because there are no other kinds.

Where does our “Extraordinary God” want to come into your “Normal” life and make you “Extraordinarily Normal”?

We often impose our distorted presumption upon people that God mightily uses.

Moses – A Throwaway Slave Child Turned Deliverer

Hebrews 11:24-29 – By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.²⁷ By faith he left Egypt. Not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

Birth of a Slave – What Can Be More Uneventful?

- Moses was born into a time of national distress.
- Jews multiplying, so Pharaoh sent an edict that all the male children born should be drowned in the Nile River.
- Moses's mother hides him for three months and then makes a boat of sorts and puts him in the Nile.
- Pharaoh's daughter finds him and Moses's sister was watching and asked her if she would like her to find a Hebrew to nurse him.
- Moses's sister brings his mother to her and she sends Moses home to be nursed by her and paid her.
- When Moses was weaned, she brought him back and he became the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

Moses Misreads His Calling – Kills the Egyptian

- Something in Moses compels him to try to deliver his people.
- He does it out of season and kills an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite.
- He later tries to judge a matter between two Israelites and they rebuke him.
- Moses is fearful and Pharaoh finds out and tries to have him killed.

40-Year Exile – Moses to Midian

- Moses hides in Midian

- There will be times when it appears that all you hope for has passed away.
- He again acts upon his purpose and rescues the daughters of a Midian priest as they are being harassed when they try to draw water from a well.
- He helps water their sheep and they go home and tell their father Jethro.
- Moses marries his daughter Zipporah and names his first son, Gershon, meaning, "I have become a foreigner in a strange land."
 - "This is not how I expected my life to turn out!"
 - It ain't over till it's over!
 - VICTORY EXISTS TO CHANGE THIS PICTURE!
- Pharaoh dies and God hears the cry of his people due to the covenant of Abraham.

A Burning Bush

Exodus 3:9-11 - And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

We all feel disqualified from the "Extraordinary"!

Moses had reasons:

- Who am I that I should be able to do this?
 - I will be with you
- What if I go and they ask me your name?
 - Tell them my name is "I AM"
- What if the elders of Israel don't believe me?
 - What is in your hand?
 - Staff turns to a snake
 - His hand becomes leprous and then clean
 - Pour water out of the Nile River and it will become blood
- I am slow of speech and tongue
 - I will teach you what to say
 - I will let your brother Aaron speak for you
- Oh Lord, please send someone else to do it!
 - This is how normal people react to their God-ordained purpose.

Moses Goes to Pharaoh – "Let My People Go!"

10 Plagues:

1. Waters of the Nile become blood
2. Frogs
3. Lice
4. Flies
5. Livestock disease
6. Boils on man and beast
7. Hail, mingled with fire

8. Locust that darkened the earth
9. Darkness that may be felt for three days
10. Death of the firstborn of Pharaoh, all of Egypt and even animals

Passover

- Blood over the doorways
- Eat the lamb
- When you eat put on your travelling clothes
- The death of the firstborn will PASS OVER all covered by the blood of the lamb

After the death of the firstborn Pharaoh lets them go.

God leads Moses to take a route that will trap them between the wilderness and the Red Sea.

- Our God is a mighty deliverer!

Exodus 14:5-8 – “When word reached the king of Egypt that the Israelites had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds. “What have we done, letting all those Israelite slaves get away?” they asked. ⁶ So Pharaoh harnessed his chariot and called up his troops. ⁷ He took with him 600 of Egypt’s best chariots, along with the rest of the chariots of Egypt, each with its commander. ⁸ The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, so he chased after the people of Israel, who had left with fists raised in defiance.”

This happened through an “Extraordinarily Normal” person.

The difference in his life was that he “chose” to trust God.

This same God wants to move in an “Extraordinary” way through your “Normal” life.