
Ordinary People ... Extraordinary God
"The 12 Apostles Who Changed The World "
Acts 4:13

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Introduction: Today we begin a new series entitled "Ordinary People ... Extraordinary God."

1. It's based on the principles Paul shares in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31.
2. Too often we associate success and accomplishment with greatness.
3. Paul completely undermines that kind of thinking.
4. Instead, we should recognize the greatness of our God.
5. In this series we'll look at eight different examples where God used ordinary people to do extraordinary things.
6. Today we start with the 12 Apostles.

I. Who Were They? (Luke 6:12-16, Matthew 10:2-4)

A. Ordinary People

- Four Fishermen
- One Tax Collector
- One Political Extremist
- One Thief/Traitor
- Five Unknowns

B. Qualifications

- An Early Follower Of Jesus

- Chosen By Christ Or Holy Spirit
- Gifted With Miraculous Sign Gifts
- An Eyewitness Of The Resurrection

C. Preparation

- Training
- Experience
- Holy Spirit Empowerment

II. What Did They Do?

A. Accepted The Challenge (Matthew 28:18-20)

B. Changed The World (Acts 1:8 & beyond)

Conclusion: The whole point of this series is God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

1. The Apostles were ordinary people.
2. They did extraordinary things.
3. That is possible because we have an extraordinary God.
4. He hasn't changed. When we rely on Him, we can do extraordinary things!