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GRACE

Extraordinary...

That's my life!

**Ephesians 3** *My task is to bring out in the open and make plain what God, who created all this in the first place, has been doing in secret and behind the scenes all along. Through followers of Jesus like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels!*

The word *extraordinary* means “to go beyond what is usual – exceeding the common measure.”

The antonyms for extraordinary are *common* or *normal* or *ordinary*.

*“I thought for you to become a Christian you had to lose individualism – creativity – excellence – passion – fun the ability to excel in life.”*

**Genesis 1:26** *Let us make man in our image and in our nature. Extraordinary.*

God has created you to live an extraordinary life in the realm of influence that He has called you to.

**2 Corinthians 12<sup>9</sup>** *And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient (all you need) for you, for My strength (power) is made perfect (works best) in weakness (human inability).”*

**2 Peter 1:2-3** *Grace be multiplied to you ...as His divine power (grace) has given to us all things that pertain to (Extraordinary) life and godliness.*

The Greek word used for *Grace* in the New Testament is the word *Charis*. Strong's dictionary defines this word as *gift, favour, benefit, gracious, liberality...*

Strong continues to define this word as *the divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life.*

There is an outward reflection of what is done in the heart. That is the empowerment of grace.

**John 1:16** *And of His fullness we have all receive, and  
grace for grace.*

Grace has given us the fullness of Jesus Christ himself.

**2 Peter 1:2-4** *Grace be multiplied to you ...as His divine power( grace) has given to us all things that pertain to (Extraordinary) life and godliness... by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature.*

What does the word *nature* mean?

It means the essential qualities or character of a person. It means that it has given us the fullness of the essential qualities of Jesus himself.

**1 John 4:17** *As HE (Jesus) is, so are we in this world.*

The Bible says we are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh.

**1 John 2:6** *Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did.*

*We should live Extraordinary lives.....*

*But I am just normal...*

**Acts 9** <sup>10</sup> Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, “Ananias!”

“**Yes, Lord!**” he replied.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord said, “Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now.

<sup>12</sup> I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again.”

*<sup>13</sup> “But Lord,” exclaimed Ananias, “I’ve heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem! <sup>14</sup> And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name.”*

*<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said, “Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name’s sake.”*

*17 So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, “**Brother Saul**, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 Instantly something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. 19 Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength.*

**Ananias the Extraordinary.**

1. **He followed.** He followed the voice of God, straight into the midst of fear without concern for his own person.

If you are going to be Extraordinary...then follow. Even in the midst of uncertainty...follow. Even when you are uncomfortable...follow His voice.

*He wont lead you where he has not already prepared for Grace to be revealed.*

2. **He fellowshipped.** He walks into the room where Saul is and here are the first words that come out of his mouth: **“Brother Saul.”**

When you are empowered (and you are because of God’s grace), and when you are extraordinary, you turn foes into brothers and friends.

*You might know about their past but God wants you to tell them about their future.*

**3. He facilitated.** He carries the same power as all the others before him.

God is busy unleashing Extraordinary people from this church. Because He wants us to know that He wants to turn what is hidden into the visible and we need more Extraordinary believers who don't need the credit.

Ananias doesn't sit back and build a ministry because of it. **Pride prevents. Humility heals.**

What I love about Ananias is that he represents all of us. **We are all “Ananiases.”**

Ananias’s name is Greek which means *God has dealt graciously with me.*

Saul’s name in the Hebrew means *asked of God.*

Do you think it is a coincidence that the one who is *asked of God* is healed by the one whom *God dealt graciously with?*