

A Storybook Christmas

Week 4: The Gift of an Ordinary Life

Objective: To challenge us to allow God to do something extraordinary with our lives.

1) Ordinary → Extraordinary

Think of someone you assumed was “ordinary” but turned out to be extraordinary (like the Kurt Warner example).

- What changed your perspective about them?

2) Read 1 Corinthians 1:26–31

Paul says not many were wise, influential, or of noble birth—yet God chose them.

- Why do you think God often works through the “ordinary” instead of the impressive?

3) “Don’t underestimate the impact of your obedience.”

Where do you tend to undervalue your life because it feels small, repetitive, or unnoticed?

- What might obedience look like in that “ordinary” place this week?

4) When heaven breaks in, stories change

Read one of these: Luke 1:26–33 (Mary), Matthew 1:19–21 (Joseph), or Luke 2:10–12 (shepherds).

- What is “ordinary” about that person’s life before God interrupts it?
- What changes when God speaks?

5) Fear vs. surrender

In each of those stories, the first response is often fear, confusion, or uncertainty.

- What fears keep you from fully welcoming God’s work in your life?
- What would surrender look like in that area?

6) Read John 1:14

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”

- What does it mean to you that God entered our world so personally—right into the ordinary?

7) One life surrendered changes everything

Read Luke 22:42–44.

- What stands out to you about Jesus’ surrender?
- How does this connect Christmas to the cross?

8) Your life touches more lives than you realize

In *It’s a Wonderful Life*, George learns that one life impacts countless others.

- Who might be affected if you surrendered your ordinary life to Jesus more fully?

Final Thought

God doesn’t wait for extraordinary people to do extraordinary things—He enters ordinary lives, and His presence makes them extraordinary. The question isn’t whether your life is “big enough” to matter...the question is whether your life is open enough for God to move.

This Week’s Challenge

Do one “ordinary” act of surrender each day this week:

1. **Invite God in:** Start your day with a simple prayer: “*Jesus, enter my ordinary life today—have full access.*”
2. **Choose one act of obedience:** Do one intentional, quiet act that reflects Jesus (encourage someone, forgive, serve, give, tell the truth, show patience).
3. **Notice the ripple:** At the end of the day, ask: “*Who did my obedience bless today?*” Write down one name or moment.