

**UNLIKELY HEROES** *Ordinary Life, Extraordinary Purpose* August 12, 2018  
“**Daily** using your ordinary life to live out your extraordinary purpose”

**Jesus honored God by fulfilling His purposes on earth, so must we.**  
John 17:4 I brought **glory** to You here on earth by completing the work  
You gave me to do.

**When we daily fulfill our purpose, it brings glory to God!**

**Bringing Pleasure to God**

Psalm 149:4 AMP ...the Lord takes **pleasure** in His people;

*You were planned for God's **pleasure**.*

Psalm 147:11 CEV The Lord is **pleased** only with those who **worship Him** and trust His love.

**Anything you do that brings pleasure to God is an act of worship**

**Worship** is not a **part of** your life, it **is** your life.

Colossians 3:23 Work willingly at whatever **you do**, as though you were working **for the Lord** rather than for people.

**Turn your “work” into worship!**

Romans 12:1 MSG ...Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work & walking-around life & place it **before God as an offering**.

## 5 ACTS of Purposed Worship that Bring God Pleasure

1. **God experiences pleasure when we LOVE Him supremely.** He wants relationship above all things. God deeply loves you & desires you.
2. **God experiences pleasure when we TRUST Him completely.** Trusting God completely means having faith that He knows what is best for your life. It means you expect Him to keep His promises, help you with problems

**Psalm 147:11 GNT** ...He takes pleasure in those who honor Him, in those who trust in His constant love.

3. **God experiences pleasure when we OBEY Him wholeheartedly.** This means completely & exactly. The way & time that God wants it done. No reservation. No hesitation. No procrastination.

*“Delayed obedience is disobedience.”*

*Understanding can wait, but obedience can't.*

*Obedience unlocks understanding.*

Sometimes we offer partial obedience. We like some commands, but we ignore the ones that we don't like, or think are unreasonable, difficult, expensive, or unpopular. (*Go to church, but don't tithe. Read my Bible, but I don't forgive. Serve on a team, but hide & lie to my spouse, etc.*) *“Partial obedience is disobedience.”*

**John 14:15** “If you love me, obey my commandments.

**John 14:15 TPT** “Loving me, empowers you, to obey my commands.

*This isn't about earning your salvation, this is about bringing pleasure to God. It's our extraordinary purpose!!*

**4. God experiences pleasure when we PRAISE Him continually.**

When we receive heartfelt praise & appreciation from someone else, it feels really good. God loves it too. He experiences pleasure when we express our adoration & gratitude to Him.

**Hebrews 13:15** ...let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to His name.

*When we give God enjoyment, our own hearts are filled with joy!*

**Psalm 68:3 TPT** ...let all Your Godly lovers be glad! Yes, let them all rejoice in Your presence & be carried away with gladness. Let them laugh & be radiant with joy!

*Worship works both ways. We enjoy what God has done for us, & when we express that enjoyment to God, it brings Him joy – but it also increases our joy.*

**5. God experiences pleasure when we USE OUR ABILITIES.** God enjoys watching every detail of your life. All of your working, playing, resting, or eating.

**Psalm 37:23 TPT** the steps of the God-pursuing ones follow firmly in the steps of the Lord & God delights in every step they take to follow Him

*God enjoys watching you use the skills, talents & abilities He's given you. God intentionally gifted us differently for His enjoyment.*

**Psalm 33:15 MSG** He's shaped each person in turn; now He watches everything we do.

*Your extraordinary purpose is to bring Him pleasure & enjoyment by being you; not by hiding your abilities or trying to be someone else.*

**Isaiah 45:9** “What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, ‘Stop, you’re doing it wrong!’ Does the pot exclaim, ‘How clumsy can you be?’ 10 How terrible it would be if a newborn baby said to its father, ‘Why was I born?’ or if it said to its mother, ‘Why did you make me this way?’”

*There’re no unspiritual abilities, start using yours for God’s pleasure.*

*Chariots of Fire, Olympic runner Eric Liddell: “I believe God made me for a purpose & He made me fast & when I run, I feel God’s pleasure”*

**All of us ordinary, normal people being used by God for His pleasure:**

Noah was a drunk  
Abraham was too old  
Jeremiah & Timothy were too young  
Isaac was a daydreamer  
Jacob was a liar  
Joseph was abused  
Moses had a stuttering problem  
Gideon was afraid  
Samson was a womanizer  
Rahab was a prostitute  
David was an adulterer & a murderer  
Elijah was suicidal  
Job went bankrupt  
Zacchaeus was too small  
The disciples fell asleep while praying  
Peter denied Jesus  
Paul persecuted Christians  
Martha worried about everything  
And Lazarus...well he was dead!

**“COME ON! YOU CAN DO IT!!”**

No more excuses! God wants to use you, to your full potential; to be an **UNLIKELY HERO**; just using your daily, ordinary life to live out your extraordinary purpose”

*God doesn't wait for us to reach maturity before He starts liking you. He loves & enjoys you at every level of your spiritual development.*

*You may have had unpleasable parents or teachers or employers, but don't assume God feels that way about you.*

*Is pleasing Him the attitude of your heart? Is it your deepest desire?*

**2 Corinthians 5:9 MSG** Cheerfully pleasing God is the main thing, and that's what we aim to do, regardless of our conditions.

We don't ask, “How much pleasure am I getting out of life?” We ask, “How much pleasure is God getting, out of my life?”

**Psalms 14:2b TPT** He's looking to see if there's anyone who acts wisely, any who are searching for God & wanting to please Him.

*Will you make pleasing God the goal of your life?*

**Prayer/Confession of devotion being a God pleaser**

*“Jesus, I love You with all of my heart, soul, & mind. I commit to using my ordinary life to live out Your extraordinary purpose. Worshipping You is my life. I will bring You glory here on earth by completing the work You gave me to do. I give You my everyday life & place it before You as an offering. I will love You, trust You, obey You, & praise You. I desire to bring You pleasure. Thank You for filling me with Your joy. I will cheerfully seek to please You. I am thankful for You. In the name of Jesus, amen.”*