

**UNLIKELY HEROES** *Ordinary Life, Extraordinary Purpose* July 1, 2018

“Use your ordinary life to live out your extraordinary purpose”

Daily walking w/ Jesus, fulfilling God’s purpose for our lives.

*Jesus knows you. Jesus made you. He has a plan / a purpose for your life*

**Isaiah 44:2a MSG** God who made you has something to say to you; the God who formed you in the womb wants to help you...

*Jesus has a reason for you being alive, in this place, at this time, now!!*

“You’re important. **Your part in His plan** is important!”

**John 15:16 AMP** You haven’t chosen Me, I chose you, I’ve appointed you; I’ve planted you that you might go bear fruit & keep on bearing

*It’s up to each of us to spend time w/ God & make sure that we have the Lord’s will & purposes for our lives.*

**Romans 12:3b MSG** The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by **what God is** & by **what He does for us**, not by what we are & what we do for Him.

*Oh, the riches of His grace!!*

**Isaiah 46:3b** I’ve cared for you since you were born. I carried you before you were born. I’ll be your God throughout your lifetime; until your hair’s white w/ age. I made you & I’ll care for you. I’ll carry you along & save you.

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**Age:**

**7** - Family was forced from their home. He worked to support them.

**9** - His mother died.

**22** - Failed in business.

**23** - Ran for state legislature – lost.

**23** - Also lost his job – wanted to go to law school but couldn't get in.

**24** - Borrowed money from a friend to begin a business; by the end of the year he was bankrupt. Spent the next 17 years paying off that debt.

**25** - Ran for state legislature again – won.

**26** - Engaged to be married, sweetheart died; his heart was broken.

**27** - Had a total nervous breakdown and was in bed for six months.

**28** - Sought to become speaker of the state legislature – defeated.

**31** - Sought to become elector – defeated.

**34** - Ran for Congress – lost.

**37** - Ran for Congress again – this time he won – did a good job.

**39** - Ran for re-election to Congress – lost.

**40** - Sought the job of land officer in his home state – rejected.

**45** - Ran for Senate of the United States – lost.

**47** - Sought the Vice-Presidential nomination at his party's national convention – got less than 100 votes.

**49** - Ran for U.S. Senate again – again he lost.

**51** - **Elected president of the United States.**

**Abraham Lincoln** was a champion and he never gave up.

*As you walk in God's purpose, don't let your passion diminish!*

*At Kings Circle, we're a dynamic purpose powered, passionate people!*

**Jeremiah 20:9b** ...His Word burns in my heart like a fire. It's like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can't do it!

With that kind of passion for Jesus and the Word of God, you'll receive direction & purpose for your life.

*Focusing on ourselves will never reveal your life's purpose. You can't do or be or fulfill your life's purpose while focused on yourself.*

*It's not about you. You were born by His purpose & for His purpose!*

**Colossians 1:15b MSG** ...everything got started in Him & finds its purpose in Him.

*You were made for God, not the other way around. Life is about letting God use you for His purposes, not using Him for your own purpose.*

**Not Just Your Speculation, But Jesus Revelation!**

**Psalm 139:13** You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body & knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. 15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. 16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. *Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.* 17 How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God. They can't be numbered! 18 I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! When I wake up, You're still w/ me!

*While there are illegitimate parents, there are no illegitimate children. Many kids are unplanned by their parents, but they aren't unplanned by God. God's purpose took into account human error, & even sin.*

**James 1:18b** ...and we, out of all creation, became His prized possession

***We can all be unlikely heroes; ordinary life; extraordinary purpose!***

**Ephesians 1:11 MSG** *It's in Christ that we find out who we are & what we're living for.* Long before we first heard of Christ & got our hopes up, He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He's working out in everything & everyone.

**Ephesians 1:3 TPT** Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm has already been lavished upon us as a love gift from our wonderful heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus—all because He sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate Him w/ all our hearts! **4** He chose us to be His very own, joining us to Himself even before He laid the foundation of the universe! Because of His great love, He ordained us, that we'd be seen as holy in His eyes w/ an unstained innocence. **5-6** It was always in His perfect plan to adopt us as His delightful children, through our union w/ Jesus, the Anointed One, so that His tremendous love that cascades over us would glorify His grace—for the same love He has for His Beloved One, Jesus, He has for us. And this unfolding plan brings Him great pleasure!