

UNLIKELY HEROES *Ordinary Life, Extraordinary Purpose* August 5, 2018
“**Daily** using your ordinary life to live out your extraordinary purpose”

Proverbs 16:4 The Lord has made everything for **His own** purposes...

*The ultimate purpose of the whole universe is all for His **glory**.*

Romans 11:36 Everything comes from Him and exists by His power and is intended for His **glory**. All **glory** to Him forever!

*His **glory** is in all creation & in us. It's in His church & who He is. His **glory** is the essence of His nature, His life, the radiance of His splendor; His **glory** is the demonstration of His power, the expression of His goodness, & the atmosphere of His presence!!*

Our purpose is to recognize His glory, honor His glory, declare His glory, praise His glory, reflect His glory, & live for His glory!

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.

Living in His purposes & plans for our lives gives God glory

Romans 6:13b ...Use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the **glory** of God.

When anything on earth fulfills its purpose, it brings **glory to God!**

Bringing Pleasure to God

Psalm 149:4 AMP ...the Lord takes **pleasure** in His people; He'll beautify the humble with salvation & adorn the wretched with victory.

*You were planned for God's **pleasure**. Your arrival gave Him great **pleasure**. God chose you for His own enjoyment. You exist for His benefit, His glory, His **purpose**, & His delight.*

Ephesians 1:5 God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great **pleasure**.

*Bringing enjoyment to God & living for **His pleasure** is the first purpose of your life. Touching the **heart of God** is an everyday priority.*

*Remember, **God has emotions!** We have emotions because we were made in His image. He feels things very deeply. God grieves, gets jealous & angry. He feels compassion, pity, sorrow, & sympathy. He feels happiness, gladness, & satisfaction. God loves, delights, gets pleasure, rejoices, enjoys, & even laughs!!*

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** should be your whole lifestyle, the culture of your home. It's not a **part of** your life, it **is** your life.*

Psalm 34:1 I **will** praise the Lord at all times. I **will** constantly speak His praises.

**Worship's far more than music. Worship's not a style or volume or speed of a song. God loves all kinds of music because He invented it all. Fast, slow, loud, soft, old, & new! You probably don't like it all, but God does. If it's offered to God in spirit & truth, it's an act of worship.*

Isaiah 29:13 ...the Lord says, “These people say they’re mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. And their worship of Me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote.

Worship isn’t for your benefit. We worship for God’s benefit. When we worship, our goal is to bring glory & pleasure to God, not ourselves.

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

Our goal is to bring to God our passion & commitment to Him.

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.

Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God & when you perform it with an awareness of His presence.

Ephesians 5:8 ...once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. Live as people of light! This light within you produces only what’s good, right & true. 10 Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.

5 Acts of Purposed Worship that Bring God Pleasure

- 1. God experiences pleasure when we LOVE Him supremely.** He wants relationship above all things. The Creator of the universe wants you, is coming after you! He made you to love you, & He longs for us to love Him back!

Hosea 6:6 I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know Me more than I want burnt offerings.

God deeply loves you & desires you. Loving God & being loved by Him is our greatest objective. It's the greatest commandment!!

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, & do the impossible when necessary.

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

*In what areas of your life do you need to completely trust God?
Trusting Him is an act of worship & it brings Him pleasure.*

Hebrews 11:6 ...it's impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to Him must believe that God exists & that He rewards those who sincerely seek Him.

I'm so pleased when my kids trust & have faith in my wisdom & my love for them. Your faith & your trust in God makes Him so happy!

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.

Us parents know: "Delayed obedience is really disobedience."

God doesn't owe you an explanation or reason for everything He asks you to do. Understanding can wait, but obedience can't. Instant obedience will teach you more about God than a lifetime of Bible discussions. Obey first. Obedience unlocks understanding.

Psalm 119:34 Give me understanding & I will obey your instructions; I will put them into practice with all my heart.

We struggle with this, because many of us were never trained by our parents to obey.

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. *Maybe we go to church, but choose not to tithe. We Read our Bible, but don't forgive. I serve on a team, but I 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!!