

UNLIKELY HEROES *Ordinary Life, Extraordinary Purpose* June 17, 2018

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

We have to get beyond just attending church as a tradition & see it as a vital part of fulfilling God’s purpose for our lives.

Get beyond living like the world during the week & then coming to church on Sunday as some separate part of our lives.

God knows you. He made you. God has a plan & a purpose for your life.

This is a series about pursuing your purpose.

“As long as you still have a **pulse**, God still has a **purpose** for your life.”

Jeremiah 1:5 “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart...” (**AMP...I had holy plans for you**)

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

John 15:16 AMP You haven’t chosen Me, but I’ve chosen you & I’ve appointed you; I’ve planted you that you might go bear fruit & keep on bearing; that your fruit may be lasting; remain & abide; that whatever you ask the Father in My Name, He may give it to you.

*Let’s study, pray & seek Jesus to lead us to His **purpose** for our lives.*

“Your part in **His** plan is important!”

Do you know: Your personal purpose? Where you’re going? What you want to do w/ the rest of your life? At the end of your days will you say-

2 Timothy 4:7 I’ve fought the good fight, I’ve finished the race, & I’ve remained faithful.

*You must have & **walk in** God’s vision & purpose for your life.
True success is **daily** knowing & fulfilling God’s will for your life.*

Mark 5:22 A leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at His feet, 23 pleading fervently w/ Him. "My little daughter's dying, please come; lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live." Jesus went w/ him & all the people followed, crowding around Him. (25 *A woman in the crowd had suffered for 12 years w/ constant bleeding.* 26 *She'd suffered a great deal from many doctors, & over the years she'd spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she'd gotten worse.* 27 *She'd heard about Jesus, so she came up behind Him through the crowd & touched His robe* 28 *She thought, "If I can just touch His robe, I'll be healed."* 29 *Immediately the bleeding stopped & she could feel in her body that she'd been healed of her terrible condition* 30 *Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from Him, He turned around in the crowd & asked, "Who touched my robe?"* 31 *His disciples said to Him "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'"* 32 *But He kept on looking around to see who had done it.* 33 *The frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her came & fell to her knees in front of Him & told Him what she had done.* 34 *He said to her, "**Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over.**"*) 35 While He was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus. They told Him, "Your daughter's dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now" 36 But Jesus overheard them & said to Jairus, "**Don't be afraid. Just have faith.**" 37 Then Jesus stopped the crowd & wouldn't let anyone go w/ Him except Peter, James, & John. 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion, weeping & wailing. He went inside & asked "**Why all this commotion & weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep.**" 40 The crowd laughed at Him. But He made them all leave, & He took the girl's father & mother & His three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. 41 Holding her hand, He said to her, "*Talitha koum,*" which means "Little girl, get up!" 42 The girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up & walked around! They were overwhelmed & totally amazed.

Your purpose may be in politics, business, arts, teaching, or a stay at home mom... Whatever the "calling" or purpose, do it as to the Lord!

Mark 9:15 When the crowd saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed w/ awe, & they ran to greet Him. 16 **"What's all this arguing about?"** Jesus asked. 17 One of the men in the crowd spoke up & said, "Teacher, I brought **my son so You could heal him.** He's possessed by an evil spirit that won't let him talk. 18 Whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth & becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn't do it." 19 Jesus said, **"You faithless people! How long must I be w/ you? How long must I put up w/ you? Bring the boy to me."** 20 They brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, he fell to the ground, writhing & foaming at the mouth. 21 **"How long has this been happening?"** Jesus asked the **boy's father.** He replied, "Since he was a little boy. 22 The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us & help us, if you can." 23 **"What do you mean, 'If I can'?"** Jesus asked. **"Anything's possible if a person believes."** 24 The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" 25 When Jesus saw that the crowd of onlookers was growing, He rebuked the evil spirit **Listen you spirit that makes this boy unable to hear & speak I command you to come out of this child & never enter him again!"** 26 The spirit screamed & threw the boy into another violent convulsion & left him. The boy appeared to be dead. A murmur ran through the crowd as people said, "He's dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand & helped him to his feet, & he stood up.

To **know** God's will & purpose is the greatest **treasure** you can have.
To **fulfill** God's will & purpose is the greatest **pleasure** you can have.

Acts 16: Paul & Silas preached & cast out a demon... 22 A mob quickly formed against Paul & Silas, the city officials ordered them stripped & beaten w/ wooden rods. 23 They were severely beaten, then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. 24 He put them into the inner dungeon & clamped their feet in the stocks. 25 Around midnight Paul & Silas were praying & singing hymns to God, the other prisoners were listening. 26 Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, & the chains of every prisoner fell off! 27 The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself 28 But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We're all here!" 29 The jailer called for lights; ran to the dungeon & fell down trembling before Paul & Silas. 30 He brought them out & asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus & you'll be saved along w/ everyone in your household." 32 They shared the Word of the Lord w/ him & w/ all who lived in his household. 33 Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them & washed their wounds. Then he & everyone in his household were immediately baptized. 34 He brought them into his house and set a meal before them & he & his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.

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.

As you walk in God's purposes & plans, Jesus moves you forward in His upward call for your life.

Ephesians 5:15 AMP Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully & worthily, accurately, not as the unwise & witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), 16 Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity)...