

Going from Ordinary to Extraordinary

Aim of Sermon: The focus of this sermon is to help people discover and understand that God can use their ordinary gifts to achieve extraordinary feats of kindness, generosity, and love toward their families, churches, and communities.

Central Passage: 1 Peter 4:10-11 – ¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Five Concepts of Transformation (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

- God has called you to accomplish great things in your life. He has called you out of the depths of despair and has shown you hope for a future with Him not apart from Him. He has called you out of your seemingly mundane, ordinary life to be, do, and accomplish the extraordinary. He just asks you to TRUST and OBEY even when it does not make perfect sense.
- This section will focus on five concepts that must be embraced to transform you from existing in an ordinary life to living an extraordinary life.

Concept #1 – Understand Your Value

- This main point will help each person focus on the FACT that they are unique and have been made in the image of God. As a Christian each person is of great value because of they are an essential part of the Body of Christ.
- Each person is needed and his or her talent is needed in order for the Body to remain healthy.
- **1 Corn. 12:12-13** – *The Body is a unit...*
- **1 Peter 2:9** – *You are a chosen people...*

Concept #2 – Understand You're a Team

- This main point will help each person understand their importance as a member of the Body of Christ. There is much strength in numbers and it is essential that each Christian operate out of an attitude of selflessness for Christ verses self-righteousness for yourself.
- Each person must understand that the Church is not the building but the people and it is the people that make up the Body of Christ. The Body has many parts, each its proper size and in its proper place and no part is important on its own.
- **1 Corn. 12:14ff** – *The Body is not made up of one part but of many...*
- **Eph. 4:16** – *The Body is joined and held together and built up as each part does its work.*

Concept #3 – Understand Your Dependence

- This main point will help each person understand that for them to live beyond themselves and accomplish the extraordinary for God then they will need to

embrace the fact that they are dependent upon the rest of the Body for their success.

- The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part is dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't.
- This is where we see the grave importance of the one anothering commands throughout the New Testament. Encourage one another, Love one another, Pray for one another, Spur one another on to love and good works, etc...
- **1 Corn. 12:26ff** – *If one part of the Body suffers then every part suffers.*

Concept #4 – Understand Your Significance

- This main point will help people understand that no matter how insignificant you or your role may seem within the Body it is needed for the health of the Body. You are made significant only because of what you are part of.
- **1 Corn. 12:21-25** – *Every part of the Body, from the most visible to the unseen, is needed for the health of the Body.*

Concept #5 – Embrace Your Role

- This main point will encourage each person to use his or her God-given talents to help make the Body a healthier unit that is impacting the family and community.
- **1 Corn. 12:27** – You are the Body of Christ, each of you are an important part of it.
- **1 Peter 4:10** – *Use your talent to serve God.*

Memory Verse:

1 Peter 4:10 – Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.



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