

## Extraordinary Ordinary People

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### Introduction

1. Luke 4:16-32
2. What makes ordinary people extraordinary?
3. When we think of prominent men or women of history what made them extraordinary?
4. Do we think that we are who we are (ordinary) and we cannot change (become extraordinary)?
5. A study of some Bible characters will show us how ordinary people became extraordinary.

### II Discussion

1. What was the difference between the people of Capernanum and Nazareth?
  - a. Luke 4:16, 31-32
  - b. Matthew 13:58; Mark 6:5-6
  - c. They rejected Jesus and His teaching three times
  - d. The difference is that they would not accept Him
2. The widow of Zarephath
  - a. There were many widow there Luke 4:25
  - b. Yet a widow which was a Gentile sustained the prophet 1 Kings 17:9ff
  - c. She was obedient to the prophet
  - d. She is told to “fear not go and do but make me a cake first” 1 Kings 17:13
3. Leper Naaman
  - a. Many lepers during this time Luke 4:27
  - b. Yet a Gentile leper was cleansed. 2 Kings 5:11
  - c. Because he dipped in the River Jordan seven times as commanded
4. David
  - a. A household name. Children have been thrilled about David
  - b. David heard the same things that the others heard 1 Samuel 17:22-26, 28
  - c. David knew where it deliverance would come from 1 Samuel 17:37
5. Saul-Paul
  - a. Acts 8:1,3; 9:1
  - b. 1 Timothy 1:15
  - c. 1 Corinthians 15:10
  - d. He obeyed from the Heart Romans 6:16-18

### III Conclusion

1. What made all of these ordinary people extraordinary was that they obeyed, they did what was commanded of them. Acts 9:6
2. Do you want to be an extraordinary person?
3. Let us turn our life over to God and there is no telling what God can and could accomplish thru us.
4. The time to do this is now!

Sources: Extraordinary Ordinary Things Edwin Jones Karns 4/17/05; What is the difference between ordinary and unusual people? F. Camp; Old Truths in New Robs Volume 1