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ORDINARY PEOPLE

If you have ever read the bible through from Genesis to Revelation, you discovered that God used ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Take Abraham. He was the oldest son of Terah. His father was seventy years old when he had Abram. They lived in Ur of the Chaldees, which is present-day Iraq. He married his half-sister. It does not say he was a king or a noble man. He was just an average man that was called by God to go to a place where he had never been. His journey caused him to lie about his wife, have a child by his wife's handmaid, and still God used him. Was he perfect? No, but he served a perfect God and became known as the Father of Faith.

Then there is David. David was the youngest of Jesse's sons. He was a shepherd. He was not a warrior like his brothers, yet he knew how to protect the sheep. David made many mistakes, but he was a man after God's own heart. He lived with a repentant heart. Was he perfect? No, but he served and loved a perfect God. His writings bring great encouragement to each of us, including the 23rd Psalm.

Then there is Saul, who later was called Paul. He was on a quest to kill Christians, but God had another plan for him, and he heeded that call and became the author of most of the New Testament. Was he perfect? No, he was a murderer, but his life was changed when he chose to serve a perfect God.

Then there is us. We have all failed in one way or another, but God is a merciful God and draws us to him. When we bid his call, our lives change also. Are we perfect? No, but we serve a God that is.

This merciful God, the creator of the universe has chosen to use ordinary people that He changes from the inside out. Knowing that God has chosen to use us in spite of our failures should make us realize that his mercy is far greater than we could ever know.

Ordinary people become extraordinary when they choose to serve an extraordinary God.