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FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY

It is human nature to look to those with great natural talents to be used greatly by God. Yet God doesn't look for those with natural talent. He looks for those that desire to please him. He takes the ordinary ones with no particular talent and changes them into something extraordinary. We should never look at the natural things in life to elevate us or depreciate us. God qualifies the called my friend. He changes the hardest hearts and makes them pliable in His hands.

Take Mary, for instance. She was a young virgin peasant girl. She had no real status. She was not born in palace, and nothing is said about her mother and father other than they were in the lineage of King David. Yet despite being ordinary, she was chosen by God to carry the God-seed in her womb and be the mother of Jesus Christ. Having been brought up in Jewish traditions and teachings, she was often told that one day Messiah would come, but to be the one to carry him under her heart was probably something she never dreamed of.

Then there is Peter. Peter was an uneducated fisherman. I suppose he knew a lot about fishing, but when Jesus called him, he had no resume that said, I am qualified to be a disciple of Jesus. He had nothing to offer but himself. The same was true about most of the other disciples.

Then there is Matthew. He was despised by most people because he was a tax collector. The one that could throw you into prison if you didn't pay your taxes. How unlikely that Jesus would choose him, but he did. It transformed Matthew.

There once was a man that I knew that had been in church on and off all his life. He went through a divorce and the church turned their back on him. He became bitter. Now, he had been an ordinary church goer, but did not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. I had the privilege of leading him to Christ. He was in stage 4 lung cancer, but God intervened. This man was in church every week, and the transformation in his life was dramatic. God took the ordinary and made it extraordinary. He later went home to Jesus a changed man.

Then there is you. Have you discounted yourself with God? Do you see yourself as ordinary? Well, that is a qualification to become extraordinary. God will use you if you allow Him to. Let Him do the "makeover" and something wonderful will happen in your life! Don't be surprised when He calls you by name just like he did the disciples. Remember, God has a plan, and it is good!