

Extraordinary Life

Right In Their Eyes, Part 3

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Questions:

- *What kind of person do you want to be?*
- *How would you want others to describe you?*
- *What would an **extraordinary** person do?*
- *How many times do you get to live your life?*

If you're a Christian, you _____
for extraordinary.

God created Israel to be extraordinary, and they started looking around and acting _____.

Disobedience → Disaster → Deliverance

The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites. Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds. Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys... Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the Lord for help.
Judges 6:1–6

The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezerite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”

“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”

The Lord answered, “I will be with you.
Judges 6:11–16

God says: *I will be with you.*

His Question: *Are you with Me?*

i.e. Will you live like I'm with you, in you, for you?

What the angel told Gideon in private, God has _____ publicly.

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all .
Romans 8:31–32

- The value of a thing is the price it will bring.
- God has placed extraordinary value on you.
- It's dangerous to think more highly of yourself than you ought. It's equally as dangerous to think less of yourself than God does.

For Discussion

1. What would you do if you were confident God was *with* you, *in* you, and *for* you? What would be different about your life?
2. In what area of your life do you need to ask, “What would an extraordinary person do?”

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*