



## Ordinary People

Devotions for the 20-Something Woman

*For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God (1 Corinthians 1:26–29).*

In the book *Love Does* (Bob Goff, *Love Does* (Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson, 2021, p. 67.), the author says, “I used to think I had to be somebody important to accomplish things, but now I know Jesus uses ordinary people more.”

Throughout college, and especially post college, I have been guilty of comparing myself to others’ goals, accomplishments, and so much more. I feel as though I need to be a certain someone, to reach a certain goal, before I can be proud of who I am as a young woman. It truly steals my joy, and I find myself feeling incapable of showing others who Jesus is amongst it all.

But despite these feelings, I have come to realize Jesus uses ordinary people. David, a man after God’s own heart, became King. Moses changed from leading sheep out of the desert to leading the people of Israel out of Egypt. Paul, once a persecutor of Christ’s followers, became one of His most influential disciples, leading many people to Him.

Jesus uses ordinary people to lead others, to guide others, and to love others well. Jesus uses ordinary people to inspire others to be more like Him.

And that’s what it’s all about. Jesus meets us where we are — in college, in a first job, in relationships — to show others what it means to know and love Jesus well. We don’t need to be someone that this world views as important. We don’t need to compare our accomplishments and successes to others. We can be confident in who we are and what we are capable of in Christ, because Jesus uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank You for using ordinary people like me to glorify You and serve my neighbors in Your holy name. May the extraordinary gifts of life and salvation, won by Your Son’s work at the cross and empty tomb, always be the only inspiration I seek. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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