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## Ordinary People Chosen to do Extraordinary Tasks!

Dear Chosen One: Greetings in the Name of Jesus! “For many are called, but few are Chosen.” (Matthew 22:14.) Throughout the Bible God has used different people to accomplish various tasks or assignments. God does not discriminate; He selects both men and women for earthly tasks. However, don’t be envious. Most assignments were not light duties nor were the chosen individuals exempted from facing trials, confrontations, adversities, tribulations, insults, or persecution. Some people even died defending what God called them to do.

Many people have the misconception that when God calls them to do an assignment, He will exempt them from obstacles, adversities, oppositions, and satanic attacks. However, whenever you are on a godly assignment, fulfilling your divine purpose, you will encounter opposition. Often some people, including those close to you, will try to hinder you from accomplishing your task.

Jesus was no ordinary man. He was God clothed in human flesh, yet He was opposed when He tried to do good for others. One day, Jesus healed a man who had a withered hand, but He did it on the Sabbath. Instead of some people appreciating what Jesus had done, they complained. They were more interested on *what day* the healing took place, rather than the *actual healing* of the suffering man. (Read the story in Matthew 12:9-14.) Today, many people have the same attitude. Instead of focusing on getting the task done they are focusing on who God is using to accomplish it.

Over the years, the devil has gotten many people to focus on what others are doing instead of them focusing on what they should be doing. This is

an old trick the devil uses to distract godly people from accomplishing their divine purpose and it works every time. Preaching the Gospel and demonstrating God’s love to others is more important than *who* God is using or *how* it is being done.

Let’s look at some biblical characters who God chose to complete specific assignments. Joseph’s assignment started with a vision. God gave him a vision and showed him how he would be superior to his brothers even though he was the youngest. But God never revealed to him what he had to endure before the vision would become a reality. First his brothers despised him after he told them his vision. Then they took matters into their hands and sold him into slavery, hoping to get rid of him and cancel his purpose. While in slavery, Joseph ended up in Potiphar’s house.

Potiphar was one of Pharaoh’s officials and to make matters worse, Potiphar’s wife falsely accused Joseph of raping her after he refused to sleep with her. Joseph ended up in prison, yet he continued to maintain a positive attitude. He was not like many of us who would have gotten discouraged or believed the vision was not from God and gave up. Although things seemed to have taken a turn for the worst, Joseph remained faithful to God’s promise. He maintained his trust in God believing that eventually things would work out for his good and God’s glory.

Joseph faced many challenges, and his faith and character were tested but because he continued to believe that in spite of everything he was going through, God still had a vision for him to fulfill. The end result of this story shows why God had chosen

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Joseph for this divine assignment. Because he never quit, he did become superior over his brothers. All Israel was preserved and provided with food during the famine as well. Although Joseph endured much opposition, he prevailed at the end, making him more than a conqueror. (Read Genesis CHAPTER 37,39-50.)

Then we have David who, during his teenage years, was the only one who was willing and had the courage to go up against Goliath-the Philistine's giant. The giant was over 9 ft. tall, and his armor weighed about 125 lbs. As a result, his height and strength gave him the advantage over his opponents with no one from the Israelite Army willing to challenge him. The Bible says, every day Goliath came out to the battle line and made fun of the Israelites requesting that they send one man to fight him, boldly declaring that if he lost, both he and his entire nation would become slaves to the winner.

I believe, when God heard Goliath's proposal and saw the way he was making fun of His chosen people, He looked down from heaven and said I have a boy for this task and God chose David. The odds of a boy fighting this giant and winning was-0 but when you are called and chosen by God no one can come up against you and win. Oh yes, some people may still come out to fight the battle but what they don't know is that the battle is already fought, and you are only coming out to declare to them that you are the winner.

When that giant looked at David's size and his slingshot weapon, he laughed, not knowing that the joke was on him. David faced that giant with confidence knowing that with God all things are possible. He used one stone, made one attempt and the fight was over. One shot, and the giant was defeated. The next time a giant challenge you remind him of the story with David and Goliath. David was not a soldier, warrior, or experienced fighter, but God chose him. (Read David's story in 1 Samuel 17.) Romans 8:31 says, **"If God is for [you] who can be against [you]"?**

Don't think women were excluded from God's divine plan. Esther was a young Jewish girl who became the Queen of Persia. As a Jew she was not qualified to partake in the Queens pageant, yet God made a way for her to become the Queen. After she became the Queen, Esther had to deal with a man by the name of Haman. His obsession of being revered went too far, so when one Jewish man by the name of Mordecai refused to bow down and acknowledge him, he became furious and plotted to kill all the Jews.

However, God had Esther positioned in the palace to help His people. Although she was married to the king the queen still had to follow protocols in order to see the King. When Esther heard that Haman was plotting to kill all the Jewish people, she violated the King's protocol and went to see him unannounced. God granted her favor with the King, and he welcomed her presence disregarding the rules.

Esther was able to inform the King of Haman's evil plans to kill all the Jews, including her. Esther did not become Queen because of her looks or of her own doing, No! God selected her because He knew that evil was lurking in Haman's heart towards the Jewish people. God chose a Jewish orphan in order to save the Jews. (Read the Book of Esther)

These individuals were all ordinary people that God used to do extraordinary tasks, and because they never quit, they were able to accomplish their divine purpose.

People of God, I want to inform you, if you know that God has chosen you for a task and you are still procrastinating, let me warn you that God can choose someone else. Nevertheless, I will encourage you to repent, motivate yourself, and pick up where you left off. Remember, people are not opposing you because of who you are. No! The devil is using them to oppose your purpose because he is afraid of you defeating him. Trust me, the devil doesn't waste his time targeting losers. Stand in the midst of opposition. Stand in the midst of adversities, let your enemies know that you will not quit until your divine purpose is fulfilled because you are a WINNER!