

**Extraordinary Living: Lessons In Faith From
Ordinary People
“Obedience Despite Failure”
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Ordinary people are far from perfect people. We sin, and at times fail real hard. Our enemy wants us to believe that it is over for us, but it is not. Following Jesus involves growing through our failure so that we might live truly extraordinary lives.

1. Sin _____ our purpose.

“And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, “God is tempting me.” God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. ¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.” James 1:13-15 (NLT)

- When we _____ blessing will come.
“God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12 (NLT)

2. With _____ comes forgiveness.

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” 1 John 1:9 (NLT)

“For the good of Your name, O Lord, forgive my sin, even as big as it is.” Psalm 25:11 (NLV)

- When we experience God’s forgiveness, _____.

“He makes me strong again. He leads me in the way of living right with Himself which brings honor to His name.” Psalm 23:3 (NLV)

3. When we sow sin we _____.

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.” Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV)

- Sins consequences are a _____.

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“For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.” Hebrews 12:6 (NLT)

“I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.” Revelation 3:19 (NLT)

4. With confession _____

“You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.” Psalm 51:17b (NLT)

- God is faithful to restore our _____.

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Discussion Questions:

1. Share a time in which you chose to quit because of failure. What was the result? Are there regrets? How about a time in which you were tempted to quit, but chose not to. What was the outcome?
2. Matthew 22:37-38 gives a good summary of our purpose. Read as a group. Discuss how sin undermines this purpose.
3. Restoration and God’s glory are the results of confession, yet often times we resist. Why is confession so difficult?
4. Consequences are a natural result of sin, yet are also a demonstration of God’s love. Discuss how sin’s consequences are a proof of God’s love for us.
5. Restoration is what puts us back on the track of extraordinary living. Read David’s prayer found in Psalm 51. How does it make you feel to know that God is faithful to restore both our souls and our ministries?

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