



ADDING THE “EXTRA” TO “ORDINARY”

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Big Idea: God calls us to love Him and serve Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength (Mark 12:30). This can at times involve hard choices and challenges as we live for Him in a sinful and lost world. But these are the moments, as ordinary people, when we have the opportunity to add our “extra” and see God work in extraordinary ways.

Mark 12:30 (NIV) *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

1 Peter 2:21 (NIV) *To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

James 2:17-18 (GNT) *So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead. But someone will say, “One person has faith, another has actions.” My answer is, “Show me how anyone can have faith without actions. I will show you my faith by my actions.”*

John 15:8 (NLT) *When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.*

Start Talking:

Describe a hard challenge you faced as you have sought to follow Jesus.

Start Thinking:

Read Mark 12:30. How can loving God help you to be an extraordinary person?

Read 1 Peter 2:21. How does it challenge your faith to know that Jesus calls you to follow His example of suffering?

Read James 2:17-18. What is the relationship between faith and action for us as believers in Jesus?

Read John 15:8. What does it mean to “produce much fruit” as a disciple of Jesus? In what ways does this make you extraordinary in the eyes of the world?

Start Praying and Doing:

Pray for God’s grace and wisdom to put your faith into action, adding the “extra” to ordinary things and believing that the Lord will be glorified in them.