

Intro: Being a Normal Person

God uses _____ People to do _____ Things.

I. The Story of Ananias

Ananias was helping to lead a small Christian community in the city of _____. And, now this small group of Christians has gone into _____ because they are under _____.

Basically Ananias tells God, “God, You don’t know what you are talking about! _____ is the one coming to put us into prison!”

Ananias offers Saul _____ and grace, indicating that there is a _____ for him in this Christian community. He takes a _____ and obeys God even when he does not fully understand.

Our lives can be totally _____ at any time! Even today, maybe God is interrupting your life, _____ you of a sinful lifestyle that needs to change.

II. The Story of the Boy with 5 Loaves

From the boy’s perspective, he offers _____ he had. It would have been enough to feed him and his family. So, we can assume that it was _____ a small thing for this boy to _____ his food.

We see here how God can _____ our _____ efforts and do something big with them.

III. The Story of Dieter Zander

Stroke of Grace – “I am emptied and crumped and stained and ready to be used again in a new way, in a new life. I come home from work at the store and I think, ‘It’s good today.’”

Our Christian life is _____ a public _____. It is who we are _____ day, with the work and the people that God _____ to us.

Conclusion: -

In these 3 stories, we see that _____ God is not about _____ greatness, but it is about _____ greatness. We long to be His faithful servants.

Questions for Further Reflection or Discussion:

- 1) Imagine praying with a person who was coming to arrest you ... what spiritual qualities do we see in Ananias?
- 2) What opportunities and possessions do you have that you can offer back to God?
- 3) What key spiritual lessons have you learned from this summer’s “minor Bible characters”?