



**STEP OUT OF THE  
ORDINARY  
TO RECEIVE THE**

*Extraordinary*



PASTOR KEITH JOEL WALKER



# STEP OUT OF THE ORDINARY TO RECEIVE THE EXTRAORDINARY

*Written by*  
Pastor Keith Joel Walker

## Principle

Be willing to do something out of the ordinary, and you will receive the extraordinary. Step out of the ordinary, and by faith, you will receive the extraordinary.

### Old Testament Examples

#### 1. Noah (Genesis 6-9):

- Ordinary Action: Noah built an ark in a time of disbelief and ridicule.
- Extraordinary Outcome: His faith preserved humanity and the animal kingdom through the flood.
- Reflection: Sometimes, God calls us to act in faith even when others doubt us. Are we willing to trust God's vision for our lives when it seems impossible?

#### 2. Abraham (Genesis 12):

- Ordinary Action: Abraham left his homeland and family to follow God's call.
- Extraordinary Outcome: He became the father of many nations and a key figure in the faith.
- Reflection: Stepping out of our comfort zones can lead to blessings beyond our imagination. What is God asking you to leave behind to follow Him?

#### 3. Moses (Exodus 3-4):

- Ordinary Action: Moses, a shepherd, approached a

burning bush and accepted God's call.

- Extraordinary Outcome: He led the Israelites out of slavery and received the Ten Commandments.
- Reflection: God often calls us from our ordinary lives to fulfill His extraordinary purposes. Are you listening for His call?

#### 4. Joshua (Joshua 6):

- Ordinary Action: Joshua followed God's unconventional strategy to march around Jericho.
- Extraordinary Outcome: The walls of Jericho fell, leading to victory for Israel.
- Reflection: God's methods may not always align with our expectations. Are we willing to obey His unconventional instructions?

#### 5. Gideon (Judges 7):

- Ordinary Action: Gideon reduced his army from 32,000 to 300 men.
- Extraordinary Outcome: He defeated the Midianites through God's power.
- Reflection: God often uses our weaknesses to showcase His strength. Do we trust God enough to step out in faith, even when the odds seem against us?

### New Testament Examples

#### 1. Peter Walking on Water (Matthew 14:22-33):

- Scripture Reference:

“And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.”  
(Matthew 14:28-29 KJV)

- Ordinary Action: Peter stepped out of the boat during a storm to walk toward Jesus.
- Extraordinary Outcome: He walked on water until doubt caused him to sink.
- Reflection: Faith requires action. Are we willing to take risks and step out of our comfort zones to follow Christ? The disciples could have laughed or criticized Peter as he walked on the water, but they remained in the boat, spectators of the extraordinary moment. To be a champion, we must step out of the ordinary into the extraordinary.

## 2. The Woman with the Issue of Blood (Mark 5:25-34):

- Ordinary Action: The woman pushed through a crowd to touch Jesus' garment.
- Extraordinary Outcome: She was healed instantly.
- Reflection: Sometimes, we must be bold and persistent in our faith. What barriers do we need to overcome to reach Jesus?

## 3. The Blind Man (John 9:1-12):

- Ordinary Action: Jesus used mud to heal a blind man, instructing him to wash in the Pool of Siloam.
- Extraordinary Outcome: The man received his sight

and testified of Jesus.

- Reflection: God can use ordinary means to accomplish extraordinary results. Are we open to His methods, even if they seem unusual?

#### 4. The Early Church (Acts 2):

- Ordinary Action: The disciples gathered in prayer, waiting for the Holy Spirit.
- Extraordinary Outcome: The Holy Spirit descended, and they preached with power, leading to the conversion of thousands.
- Reflection: Prayer and unity can lead to extraordinary moves of God. How can we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in our lives?

#### 5. Paul's Missionary Journeys (Acts 13-21):

- Ordinary Action: Paul traveled to spread the Gospel, facing persecution and hardship.
- Extraordinary Outcome: He established numerous churches and spread Christianity across the Roman Empire.
- Reflection: Following God's call may lead to challenges, but it can also result in significant impact. Are we willing to endure for the sake of the Gospel?

### Historical Examples of Stepping Out of the Ordinary

#### 1. Christopher Columbus:

- **Ordinary Action:** In the late 15th century, Columbus proposed a daring plan to sail westward to reach Asia, despite widespread belief that the Earth was flat and that such a journey was impossible.
- **Extraordinary Outcome:** His voyages led to the discovery of the Americas in 1492, which changed the course of history and opened up new worlds for exploration and colonization.

## 2. Rosa Parks:

- **Ordinary Action:** On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, an ordinary seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama.
- **Extraordinary Outcome:** Her act of defiance sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott and became a pivotal moment in the American Civil Rights Movement, inspiring countless others to stand up against racial injustice.

## 3. Albert Einstein:

- **Ordinary Action:** Einstein, a patent clerk with unconventional ideas, proposed theories that challenged the established norms of physics, including his theory of relativity.
- **Extraordinary Outcome:** His groundbreaking work transformed our understanding of time and space, earning him the Nobel Prize in Physics and a lasting legacy in science.

#### 4. Marie Curie:

- Ordinary Action: As a woman in the early 20th century, Curie pursued a scientific career in a male-dominated field, conducting research on radioactivity.
- Extraordinary Outcome: She became the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and remains the only person to win Nobel Prizes in two different scientific fields (Physics and Chemistry).

#### 5. Nelson Mandela:

- Ordinary Action: Mandela stepped out of the ordinary by leading a movement against apartheid in South Africa, even at the risk of imprisonment and personal sacrifice.
- Extraordinary Outcome: After spending 27 years in prison, he became the first black president of South Africa and a global symbol of peace and reconciliation.

### Meanings of “Ordinary” and “Extraordinary”

#### Hebrew Meanings

##### Ordinary:

- The Hebrew word for “ordinary” can be represented by the term “שָׂרָשׁ” (sharash), which conveys the idea of something that is basic or commonplace.
- Extraordinary:



- The Hebrew word for “extraordinary” can be expressed as “מְיֻחָד” (meyuchad), meaning unique or special, indicating something that stands out from the norm.

## Greek Meanings

### Ordinary:

- In Greek, the word for “ordinary” can be expressed as “καθημερινός” (kathimerinos), which means daily or commonplace, referring to things that are usual or routine.
- Extraordinary:
- The Greek word for “extraordinary” is “θαυμαστός” (thaumastos), meaning marvelous or wonderful, suggesting something that inspires awe or amazement.

## Conclusion

Stepping out of the ordinary to receive the extraordinary is a recurring theme throughout Scripture and history. Each example illustrates the importance of faith, obedience, and the willingness to take risks for God.

### Application for Today:

- Identify Your “Ordinary”: Reflect on your current

situation. What is God calling you to do that seems out of the ordinary?

- **Take a Step of Faith:** Whether it's initiating a conversation about faith, serving in a new capacity, or letting go of past burdens, take that step.
- **Trust in God's Promises:** Remember that God often works through our willingness to act in faith. Trust that He will provide the extraordinary results.

By embracing the extraordinary through faith, we can witness God's transformative power in our lives and the lives of those around us. Let us be bold and courageous, stepping out in faith to receive all that God has for us!