

# ORDINARY HEROES

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## Philip: It's One Small Step for Man...

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22nd March 2009 | Ian Higginbotham | Acts 6:1-7, 8:4-40

Have you ever been trusted with something small but longed for more? Every apprenticeship starts off with small tasks and builds up to bigger responsibilities as we prove able, and Christian discipleship means that as we prove faithful in small things we learn kingdom values and can learn to be trusted with bigger things.

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## Lydia: If The Cloth Fits...

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26th April 2009 | Andrew Gardner | Acts 16:13-15

What was it about God's people that first attracted you to become part of the church family? Hospitality has been at the heart of Christian mission since the beginning of time, yet why do we sometimes shy away from welcoming people into our homes? As we open up our homes, God opens up our hearts to his purposes.

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Do you ever look at other people and feel that compared to them, God could never achieve great things through you?

Do you long to fulfil your potential in God, but struggle to know how?

The Bible is full of ordinary heroes – ordinary men and women who chose to trust God and saw him do amazing things through them that can lift our spirits and encourage us to see that God has amazing potential to unlock – in us.

Join us on Sunday evenings as we look at the lives of these Ordinary Heroes.

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## Jochebed: Take a Chance on Me

18th January 2009 | Andrew Gardner | Exodus 2:1-11

Have you ever found yourself between a rock and a hard place, in a no win situation? Circumstances can place us under tremendous pressure to do the right thing, and facing our fears with faith is never an easy thing. Yet when we do, God can do more than we ever imagine.

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## Rahab: To Boldly Go Where No Man Has Gone Before

25th January 2009 | Ian Higginbotham | Joshua 2

Have you ever been faced with difficult choices to make? Discerning the right thing to do and doing it when the world around us is falling apart is often a question of making choices. Yet when we make Godly choices, God can take us through the storms of life

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## Ehud: Out of Left Field

1st February 2009 | Andrew Gardner | Judges 3:12-30

Have you ever felt that your weaknesses make you different, and couldn't possibly be of any use? Yet when we allow what others consider to be our weaknesses to be used by God, we can discover that can actually become our strengths.

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## Deborah: Battle of the Sexes

22nd February 2009 | Ian Higginbotham | Judges 4

Have you ever found yourself clashing with someone of the other sex over how to go about something? There is nothing new under the sun, yet understanding our differences and how we respond when we do can speak volumes to those watching about building fruitful working relationships.

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## Hannah: Pride and Prejudice

1st March 2009 | Andrew Gardner | 1 Samuel 1

Have you ever experienced a clash of cultures or values with those around you? Sometimes society's expectations place unfair pressure on people, and yet when we are willing to let God have the things that are closest to us, he can bring us enormous release and freedom.

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## Naaman: Out Of The Mouths Of Babes

8th March 2009 | Chris Drury | 2 Kings 5:1-19

Have you ever found that you are your own worst enemy? Often it's the most innocent of things that can show us our greatest stumbling blocks, yet when we are willing to recognise our own motivations we can begin to let God transform our journey with him.

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## Eliakim: For Such A Time As This

15th March 2009 | Andrew Gardner | Isaiah 22:15-25, ch 36-37

Do you ever feel a tension between balancing your work-home-church life? Sometimes being exactly where you are is exactly where God wants you to be, and finding peace in this can release us to powerful life changing encounters.



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