

December 06 / Sunday

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - Ordinary People

Read [Luke 1:26-55](#) / [1 Corinthians 1:18-31](#)



07 / Mon – An ordinary girl | Read [Luke 1:34-35](#) and [46-49](#)

God's story shows how much He loves ordinary people and uses them to accomplish His purposes. Look at Mary's story. She was a young girl, probably 12-13 years of age, according to the cultural norms of that era, and getting ready for marriage. There is nothing unusual about her, noted in the scriptures, yet God saw her as someone He could trust to be the mother of His Son. Do you know that God loves you deeply and sees you differently than others do?

08 / Tue – A ordinary carpenter | Read [Matthew 1:18-25](#) and [2:13-15, 19-23](#)

Very little is written about Joseph but there are clues to his character. He was a 'blue-collar' worker, faithful to God's laws, compassionate toward Mary, not wanting to see her publicly disgraced. He obeyed the angel at great cost to himself but was extraordinarily used by God to protect and raise the little boy who would become the Savior of the world. Joseph didn't live long enough to see that happen but his part was vital. Do you love God enough to trust His plans?

09 / Wed – An unusual audience | Read [Luke 2:8-18](#)

God loves ordinary people but those who don't think highly of themselves sometimes find that hard to believe. Shepherds were on a very low rung of their society's ladder. Definitely important to the economy but not very well respected. It is interesting that the first group of people to learn that the Messiah had been born were shepherds. And it was not a quiet announcement. Can you imagine the grin on God's face as He watched this scene unfold?

10 / Thu – An unlikely witness | Read [John 4:4-26](#) and [39-42](#)

Jesus had hinted but the first time he clearly identified himself as the Messiah was not to someone you might expect. It was not to the religious leaders or even his own disciples. Instead, he revealed it to a disgraced woman, rejected by her community because of her multiple divorces. God's love that Jesus poured out to this woman completely changed her life. You are valued by God, no matter how low you have fallen or how unworthy you feel. Who needs to know *this* truth today?

11 / Fri – Unqualified students | Read [Luke 6:12-16](#)

Rabbi accepted disciples who were extraordinarily good students and knew the Law. Look at the background of the men Jesus asked to be his disciples; they did *not* fit that description. One was a hated tax-collector, two brothers were so quick to anger they were called 'sons of thunder', many were unschooled and Simon Peter? He was anything but rock-solid! Do you feel unqualified to be trained by Jesus? Apparently he doesn't think so; it is his love that makes you worthy.

12 / Sat – An unlikely influencer | Read [1 Corinthians 1:26-31](#) / [James 5:16b](#) / [Revelation 5:8](#)

One of the biggest lies that can trip you up is the thought that you aren't a very important person, what you do or say or think doesn't make a difference. Your ability to influence others has become severely limited and you don't know how God can use you. Yet you have a wonderful gift at your disposal...God's ear. Your prayers are powerful and effective *and* they are so precious to God they are collected in golden bowls in heaven. Who will you speak with Him about today?