

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives

Why Make a Faith Commitment?

The Bible is filled with stories of ordinary people who led extraordinary lives. Jacob, Moses, David, Isaiah, Peter, and Mary. We also hear the stories of people in this congregation who have responded to God in remarkable ways. Take a moment to think about those who are in leadership roles. Take a moment to think about those ordinary people who are extraordinarily passionate about a specific ministry. These are the faithful people who feel called and committed to do the work of Jesus Christ in your midst. In most congregations these are also the people who are willing to make a faith commitment.

Why should people make a faith commitment? Because the followers of Jesus, who make such a commitment, do extraordinary things with their lives. They order their affairs, values, and behaviors around the example of Jesus Christ. As you reflect on your own life, consider the following points:

- **How do you show that God is first in your life?** With all the activities and distractions in life, it is sometimes difficult to put God first. Yet through faith a person is willing to take the extraordinary risk of making a commitment to God, knowing that God will provide.
- **How do you show respect and obedience to God?** God has blessed each of us in many ways, yet we are often challenged to serve two masters. God asks us to walk in his ways, love him, serve him, and keep the commandments. Ordinary people growing in generosity are extraordinary.
- **How do you set an example for others?** Jesus set an example for us. As disciples we are to follow in his steps. Jesus often asked people to give up all their belongings. As faithful followers can we commit a portion of what God has entrusted to us?
- **How does your household plan?** Many households struggle to plan their financial health. Some people have discovered the secret of giving the first and best to God. Their faith and experience encourages the practice of 10% to God, 10% to savings, live on 80%.
- **How does your church plan?** As a church family, there are expenses too. Whether for ongoing ministry, building, repairs, or new ministries, every congregation prepares some form of financial plan. What is your commitment to accompanying Jesus, introducing Jesus, following Jesus, and serving Jesus through the ministry of your congregation?

At times you will be invited to make a faith commitment to God and your church family. How will you respond to the questions above? Please prayerfully consider how God has blessed you and how you will respond. Your participation and support is important to our ministry together. Thank You!