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## What is your life saying?

### 9 Faith Defining Verses

#### **GOD USES ORDINARY PEOPLE**

##### **Acts 4:13 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

##### **1 Corinthians 1:26-30 (NIV)**

<sup>26</sup> Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

- What stands out for you from these verses?
- Why does this stand out for you?
- Share a story how God has used you in a way that has been unexpected to you. Your story can be remarkably inspiring to someone else in the group.

***Your life speaks louder than your words***



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## 4 INGREDIENTS NEEDED FOR GOD TO USE ORDINARY PEOPLE

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### 1. Courage

#### **Acts 4:29-31 (AMP)**

<sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, observe their threats and grant to Your bond servants [full freedom] to declare Your message fearlessly, <sup>30</sup> While You stretch out Your hand to cure and to perform signs and wonders through the authority and by the power of the name of Your holy Child and Servant Jesus. <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were assembled was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the Word of God with freedom and boldness and courage.

- Do you pray for this kind of courage from God?
- Can you think of a missed opportunity due to a lack of courage? How will you do it differently?

### 2. Agile

#### **Acts 16:9-10 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

- Have you had a similar story where you sensed God speaking and you obeyed immediately? Tell us!
- How can we reframe 'obedience' so that it is not a burden but an act of love towards Jesus?

### 3. Learner

#### **Acts 17:10-11 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup> Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

- What has the Holy Spirit taught you this year?

### 4. Focus

#### **Acts 26:16-18 (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. <sup>17</sup> I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

- How do you understand you're the God focus of your life?

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