

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Are there temptations you are currently struggling with? Pray for a passion to pursue the things of God and to turn from everything the Bible calls sin.

2. Are you facing a situation that is causing you to compromise in the area of your character and integrity? Decide to follow God's ways in your situation and pray for God's wisdom and favor as you make your stand.

3. Are there people that God is putting a burden in your heart for to share the gospel to? Pray for boldness and for an opportunity to minister Christ's love to them.

PRAYER

On the space provided below, record prayer requests and answers to prayer.



Uncommon Life

WARM-UP

1. What is your favorite dessert?

2. Name one person whom you greatly respect. What do you respect about that person?

3. What was the most dangerous activity you have ever participated in? What was that like?



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WORD

You must distinguish between the holy and the common, between the unclean and the clean . . .

Leviticus 10:10

¹⁵But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

I Peter 1:15,16

God is calling each of us to live a life of holiness. More than just following rules, holiness is an issue of identity. If we recognize that we are holy, we will live in an uncommon way that is pleasing to our uncommon God. Here are three examples of what an uncommon life looks like.

1. Walking with God leads to uncommon conviction.

⁶... Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, ⁷and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" ⁸But he refused. ⁹"...How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

Genesis 39:6-9

Joseph's conviction to live a pure and holy life was a result of His relationship with God. He knew that succumbing to temptation will not please God. Following God brings us to a path of purity and enables us to say no to temptation. Why was Joseph able to live an uncommon life? (See Genesis 39:2, 21 and 23.)

2. Walking with God leads to uncommon character.

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

Daniel 1:8

. . . the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so . . .

Daniel 6:4

Daniel was a man of great character and wisdom. Because He chose to follow God and His ways, he experienced both favor and persecution. Yet, through it all, Daniel remained faithful to God, resulting in uncommon character. What were some of the challenges Daniel faced as he chose to walk with God? What happened?

3. Walking with God leads to uncommon courage.

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.

Acts 4:13

Peter and John had boldness and courage to proclaim the gospel, not because of their natural abilities, but because they walked with Jesus. Even in the face of personal danger, they chose to share God's message of love and redemption. What brought about Peter and John's situation in Acts 4? What happened next?
