

A Way ^{IN A} Manger



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A Proposal – An _____ life is just as impactful as a _____ one.

The biblical case for an ordinary life –

First, Jesus _____ people to it.
(Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39; Mark 8:22-26; Eph. 2:10)

The principle – God doesn't call us to live _____, he calls us
to live our lives in _____.

Second, Paul _____ it. (1 Thess. 4:9-12)

Three practical steps –

- Focus on _____ others (v. 9-10)

The reminder – Love is the _____ of the Christian.

- Run the _____ God has called for you (v. 11 a; John 21:22)
- Focus on _____ hard (v. 11 b; Col. 3:23-24)

SERMON BASED-DEVOTIONALS & LIFE GROUPS

Our sermon-based devotionals will be on break starting on Monday, December 30.
Weekly devotionals will begin again on Monday, January 13.
EFCC Life Groups will resume the week of January 12-18. Sign up for a new group now.

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A Proposal – An **ordinary** life is just as impactful as a **radical** one.

The biblical case for an ordinary life –

First, Jesus **calls** people to it. (Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39; Mark 8:22-26; Eph. 2:10)

The principle – God doesn't call us to live **Jesus' life**, he calls us to live our lives in **Jesus' way**.

Second, Paul **commands** it. (1 Thess. 4:9-12)

Three practical steps –

- Focus on **loving** others (v. 9-10)

The reminder – Love is the **re-birthmark** of the Christian.

- Run the **"plays"** God has called for you (v. 11a; John 21:22)
- Focus on **working** hard (v. 11b; Col. 3:23-24)