One makes a difference. After years of service in South Africa, the famous missionary Robert Moffat returned to Scotland to recruit helpers. When he arrived at the church, he was disappointed that only a small group was there to hear him. What bothered him even more was that only women were there. They wouldn’t be able to leave and go as missionaries without their husbands and families. He was hoping to challenge men. Even his text for the sermon was “Unto you, O men, I call” (Proverbs 8:4). Way in the back, in the loft of the church, was a little boy pumping the bellows of the organ. He was too young to be a missionary in Africa, but he listened with great interest. Meanwhile Moffat preached with frustration, knowing that no one in the audience would be following him back to Africa.

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Read Judges 6.

Be a hero of any kind, and the world will surely take notice. But
be a hero and an agent for God’s kingdom, and both earth and
heaven will take notice. What this means is that being a Christian
and following God will take you places you have never dreamed
of. You will have adventures that you know God led you through.
It means God will use you to make a difference in this world and
in the next!

Read Hebrews 11.

Throughout history you can find ordinary people doing extraor-
dinary things. Whether those things were stupid or heroic, the
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This week you are learning that God is looking for persons of integrity. If you
have. Finally, ask yourself—What does this say about the kind of disciple Jesus
is looking for?

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