

UNCOMMEN

Idiots (Friday Devo)

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I want you to think about someone that you think is an uncommon man. I was thinking about uncommon people.

Here are a few I was thinking about:

Thomas Edison, Michael Jordan, Moses, David, Elon Musk, Donald Trump, Barack Obama, Brett Favre, Peyton Manning, Nelson Mandela, Peter, Paul, Gandhi, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, etc.

What made them uncommon? They did things that other men didn't!

*I look at my life and I don't think that I am **that** uncommon. I feel like I am an average guy.*

I want you to think about another group of people. I want you to think about guys that were idiots.

Here are few I thought about:

Moses, David, Tiger Woods, Peter, Paul, Antonio Brown, etc.

I would include myself in this list

Are you an idiot?

Dave Bateman always says that life is hard, because everything is harder when you are stupid.

Here is someone that many people think is an idiot:

(Play E.T. Solo by Kanye West)

I personally think that Kanye is and idiot. I still do but for different reasons.

Did you notice that there some guys that were on both of my lists?

Acts 4:13

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand. The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." **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.**

But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name." Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

Acts 4:1-22

*In the original language "unschooled, ordinary men" could be translated uncommon. The word is **IDIOTES**. Does that sound like something to you?*

Yup! They were idiots! But they were idiots that had been with Christ!

If you were the prom king, the quarterback, the popular kid, the guy who had it all together, don't worry, God can still use you!

God uses idiots to spread his message. Look at the men in the bible.

Adam, Cain, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Saul, David, Peter, John, Paul... there are more!

The UNCOMMEN are idiots for Jesus!

This weekend we are going to look at how we can be idiots for Jesus! Not idiots in the eyes of Christ, but idiots in the eyes of the world.

Here you go. If you don't remember anything about tonight, remember this:

Idiots for Christ believe irrationally, give sacrificially, love extravagantly, and live loudly.

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I want all of us to live this way. God wants all of us to live this way.

Remember that idiot I played when I started. Here he is now:

(Play Jesus Walks by Kanye West)

God uses Idiots. Will you allow him to use you?

Pray