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EVERYDAY HEROES

People are messy

I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate... I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

Romans 7:15, 18-19 NLT

The disciples were messy

"This very night you will all fall away on account of me..." Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Matthew 26:31-35

"My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Matthew 26:38 NLT

...one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear.

Matthew 26:51 NLT

The Corinthian church was messy

My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.

1 Corinthians 1:11

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly?

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

Some of you have become arrogant...

1 Corinthians 4:18

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife. And you are proud! ...Your boasting is not good.

1 Corinthians 5:1-2, 6

...one brother takes another to court—and this in front of unbelievers! The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already.

1 Corinthians 6:6-7

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ...Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:15, 19-20

In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you...for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

1 Corinthians 11:17-18, 21-22

Brothers and sisters, stop thinking like children.

1 Corinthians 14:20

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame.

1 Corinthians 15:33

**You can't be an everyday hero until you
come to grips with your everyday messiness**

The Apostle Paul was messy

For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church. But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.

1 Corinthians 15:9-10 NLT

Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses... For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 NLT

God doesn't condone our messiness, He redeems it

For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

Hebrews 10:10 NLT

Sanctification: the process of becoming holy

1. Positional sanctification
2. Progressive sanctification

And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

2 Corinthians 3:18 NLT