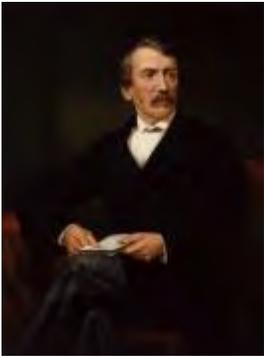


## Acts, part 19 - The Holy Spirit Uses Ordinary People to Accomplish Extraordinary Things (Acts 6:1-7) | Dale Sutherland – Associate Senior Pastor

### Acts 6:1-7

“In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, ‘It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the Word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word.’ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the Apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the Word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.”

How do I respond to the truth that the holy spirit uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things?



**DAVID LIVINGSTONE** “I have found that I have no unusual endowments of intellect, but this day I resolve that I will be an uncommon Christian.”



**GLADYS AYLWARD** “I wasn't God's first choice for what I've done in China . . . I don't know who it was . . . it must have been a man . . . a well-educated man. I don't know what happened. Perhaps he died. Perhaps he wasn't willing . . . and God looked down . . . and saw Gladys Aylward . . . and God said, 'Well, she's willing.'”

### DAVID PLATT

“We are not living for this city. We are living for the city that is to come. Are we going to die in our religion or are we going to die in our devotion? God help us to do the latter.”

The Holy Spirit uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things.

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