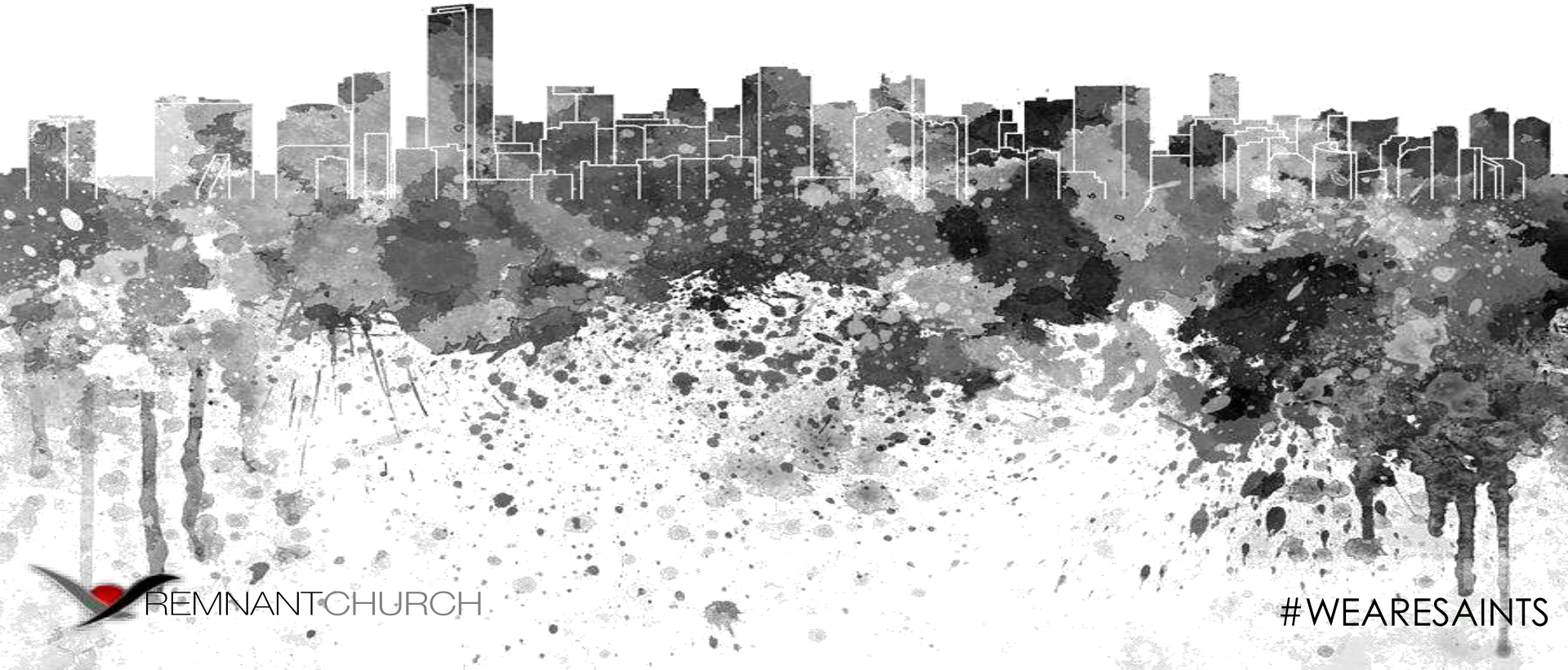


Saints

ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH EXTRAORDINARY PURPOSE



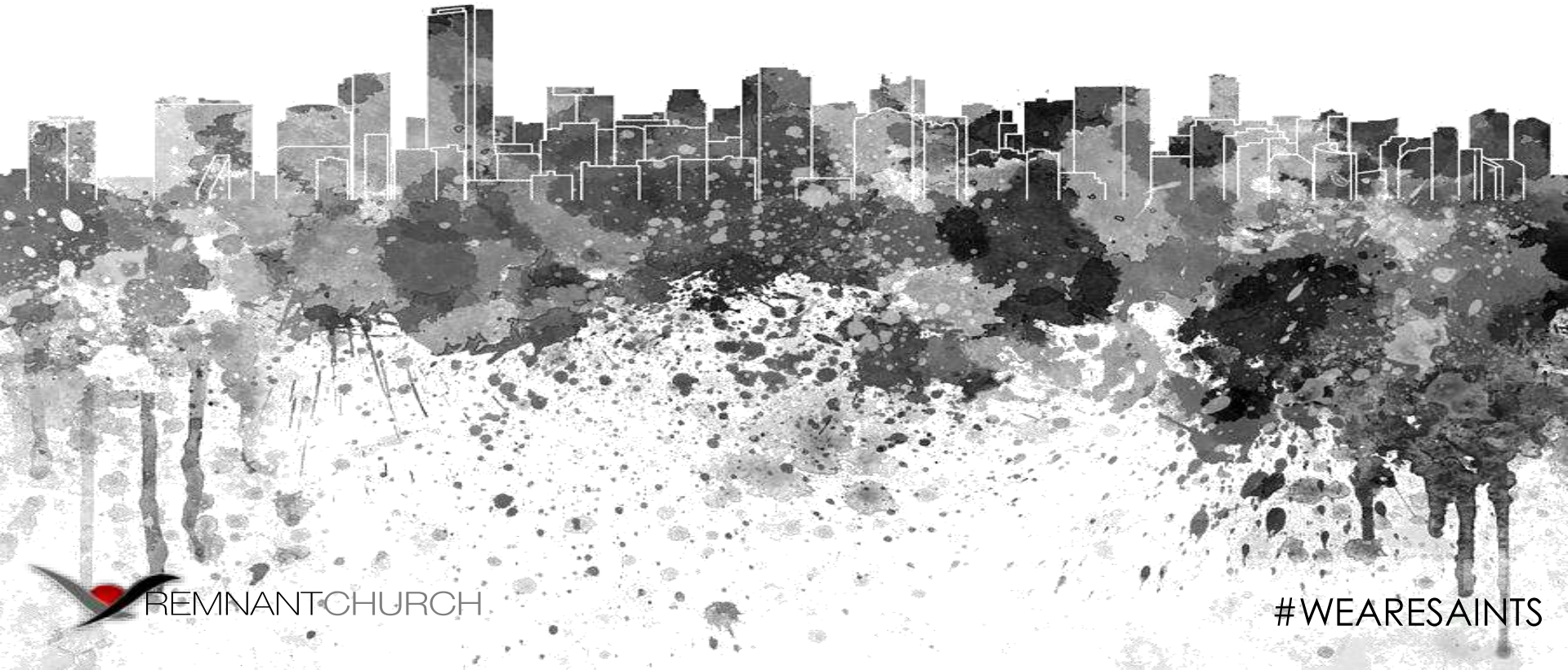
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Nothing Special

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-29



*YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IMPORTANT TO
DO IMPORTANT STUFF.*



1 Corinthians 1:26-29

²⁶ Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. ²⁷ Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.



1 Corinthians 1:26-29

²⁸ God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. ²⁹ As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God



“I used to think I had to be somebody important to accomplish things, but now I know Jesus uses ordinary people.” **-Bob Goff**



We Are Ordinary People

Vs. 26

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Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were **wise** in the world's eyes or **powerful** or **wealthy** when God called you.

- 1) **WISE** (sophos) clever, skilled, one who has natural abilities
- 2) **POWERFUL** (dunatos) great influence, potential and capability
- 3) **WEALTHY** (eugenais) well-born, of high birth, nobility



We Are Ordinary People

On our own, **none of us** have anything significant to offer God. We **receive our significance** from our Savior.



We Are Ordinary People

John 15:5

If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But without me, you cannot do anything.



We Are Ordinary People

Titus 3:3-5

Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.



We Are Ordinary People

*We are not who we used to be.
God is constantly inviting us into a
life that moves **away from the
ordinary.***



God Uses the Least Likely

Vs. 27-28

Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.



God Uses the Least Likely

- 1) **Moses** – a murderer, outcast, slow of speech, used by God to set God's people free
- 2) **Rahab**—a prostitute used by God to rescue the Israelite spies in Jericho
- 3) **Gideon** – a fear-filled young man used by God to liberate God's people
- 4) **David** – the runt of the family, a mere shepherd, exalted by God to serve as Israel's greatest king



God Uses the Least Likely

- 5) **Esther**—an orphan Jewish girl with no money and no family, became queen and saved her people from genocide.
- 6) **Mary and Joseph** – unnoticed and living in poverty, called to be the parents of the Messiah
- 7) **Peter, James, John**—fisherman with no education, handpicked by Jesus to turn the world upside down



God Uses the Least Likely

God continually uses the **insignificant** and **unimportant** to do great things for his glory. He only requires their **willingness**.



God Uses the Least Likely

“I used to think you had to be special for God to use you, but now I know you simply need to say yes.” **–Bob Goff**



God Uses the Least Likely

Luke 14:33 (The Message)

Simply put, if you're not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can't be my disciple.



God Uses the Least Likely

Romans 5:1-2 (The Message)

By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open



God Uses the Least Likely

Romans 5:1-2 (The Message)

his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting His praise.



God Uses the Least Likely

*Faith is not a supernatural privilege
for the spiritual elite - faith is seeing
God work in the midst of our
ordinary day-to-day.*



We Have Nothing to Brag About

Vs. 29

As a result, no one
can ever boast in
the presence of
God..

When God chooses to
use people that the
world deems **unworthy**
or **incapable**, it brings
greater glory to Him
and leaves us **no room**
to doubt His power.



We Have Nothing to Brag About

Philippians 2:13

For it is God working
in you, giving you
the desire and the
power to do what
pleases Him.



We Have Nothing to Brag About

Philippians 2:13

For it is God working in you, giving you the **desire** and the **power** to do what pleases Him.

God not only gives us the **strength** and **ability** to do His work, but He also supplies the **motivation**.

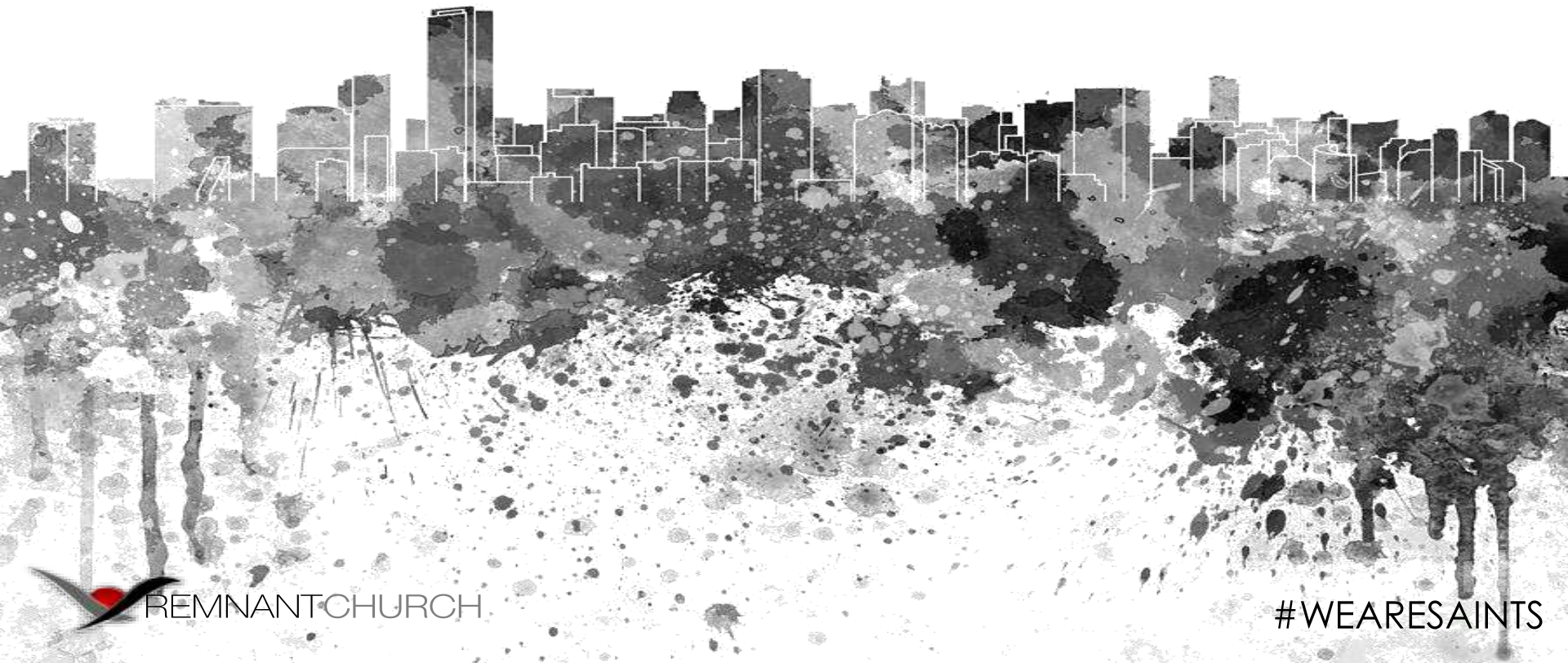


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