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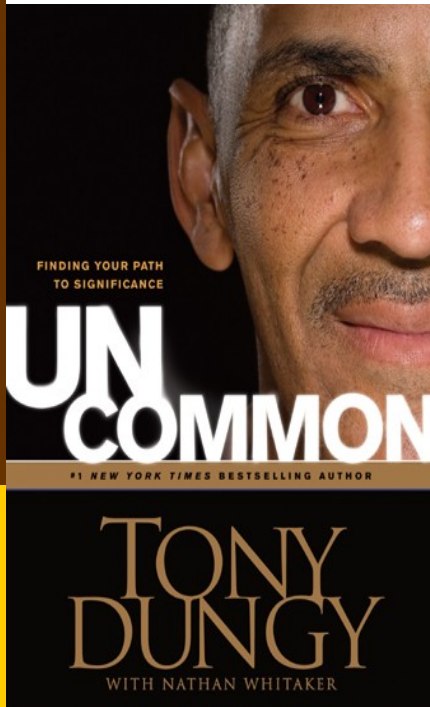
*"Behold, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man who is held in honor; **all that he says comes true.** So now let us go there. Perhaps he can tell us the way we should go."* 1 Samuel 9:6

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Happiness is said to be contagious. But are some people immune? I sometimes am, I know that. How about you? Have you come home from a long day at work and your little bundle of energy that is your 4 year old son latches himself onto your leg to greet you and you've gruffly told him to knock it off so you can get out of your work clothes and into a nice comfortable chair? I've done that, to my great shame.

Happiness may be contagious but I think it is also a conscious choice sometimes. We have to *choose* to be happy sometimes.

I hope you will choose to be happy today!



The new True Man Study at Redeemer will be UNCommon.

We'll be exploring key principles found in Tony Dungy's UNcommon (Tyndale House Publishers). Through Scripture, discussions, and activities plus character-building insights and candid "pep talks" from Tony Dungy men will be challenged to examine their lives and aspire to a life of true significance. A life of renewed integrity...influence...and faith.

Seven sessions reinforce important life lessons captured in UNcommon.

1. Strengthening Your Core
2. Loving Your Family
3. Lifting Your Friends and Others
4. Your Full Potential
5. A Mission That Matters
6. Influence Over Image
7. Live Your Faith

This new study starts Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ontario, California.

The Official True Men Ministries Web site. www.truemen.org We are hosted at Yahoo but we could always use help in paying for the website space. On the website are several Bible studies that I've put together and led at my church's men's and adult Bible studies. There are also recommendations of music, videos, and books that can be ordered through our Amazon.com portal.

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What would you sacrifice to change the world? Your job? Your lifestyle? Your money?

We need a smaller footprint. The pursuit of the American dream has left most of us empty, stretched in nine different directions and self-absorbed. Aside from the occasional natural disaster, we've all but forgotten about the people around the world and down the street who need us and need us to live differently. We need to live more simply.

We want to make a bigger handprint. In a world crying out for help, we struggle to believe we can make a difference. But reformation starts with people who have one idea they believe can change their world and the power of God's love changes everything. We need to love more extravagantly.

The world is changing whether we like it or not. The question that begs to be answered is this: Will you sit by idly and watch it change for the worse or will you allow God to put you on the forefront of changing it for the better? Small Footprint, Big Handprint is your invitation to embark on a journey for the latter.



This study begins Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ontario, California.

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