



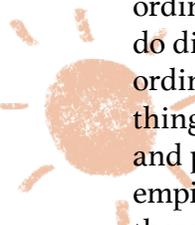
BOOK SUMMARY

The Bible is filled with heroic stories, amazing miracles and the jaw dropping power of God through ordinary people. The well known stories of “the Bible greats”, such as Moses, Joshua, and David leave me in awe every single time I read them. In the Old Testament God tells the secret multiple times of how to achieve this greatness. (Exodus 19:5, Deuteronomy 28:1, Joshua 1:7, 1 Kings 2:3, Jeremiah 7:23)

Then Jesus comes in the Gospels and wow. Everything He does and says is packed full of knowledge and wisdom. Jesus also shares the secret of the “Bible greats” to all who will listen. John, Paul and many others catch on and in their stories, we get to see their once ordinary story turn extraordinary too. (John 14:23, James 1:22, 1 John 2:5-6, 1 John 5:3)

There is no difference between them and you. All the Bible greats and the disciples were just ordinary people, often living





ordinary lives. So what's the secret? What did the Bible greats do differently? What did Jesus teach that reshaped other ordinary men's lives? How did Paul have contentment in all things? How did Moses free slaves from the grips of a large and powerful kingdom? How did David, a shepherd, build an empire? The simple answer we would all agree on, is God. But there is a deeper understanding to be had. Take a close look at their stories: God spoke... but they had to obey. He invited them, but they had to answer that call in obedience. They had to say yes to what God directed. In most of these stories, we see visibly that each situation needs not just a single yes, but multiple yeses. God continually directed, and they continually said yes.

What's their secret? These ordinary people's story became extraordinary because they trusted God to lead and obeyed his direction. This is what open handed living is. It's living a lifestyle of surrender and obedience, allowing God to take the lead and watching Him work in the amazing ways only He can do. God wants to be glorified. He wants to show the world who He is and He wants to do that, through you.

I started living with open hands when Andrew and I got married in 2007. It's been a growing process, like all new habits, but we have seen glory story after glory story unfold and fruit in abundance. There is nothing ordinary about our life; we stand out everywhere we go. I have countless jaw dropping stories of amazing miracles and heroic wins which I'll share throughout these pages. Our lives are not easy, as none are. There have been peaks and valleys just like everyone else because living a life surrendered to God isn't a free pass from life's struggles. But we feel full and confident as we live this life exactly how we were created to live it, connected to our Creator, living surrendered and walking in obedience.





I believe God has an incredible story for your life too . One that will give you the purpose you have been seeking. One that will impact those around you in big ways, changing the world for the better. One that will leave you feeling grounded, exuberant, and fulfilled. One that will be built on a rock, like stated in Matthew 7:24 and when life's storms come, you still stand firm. Open Handed Living is the way you were created to live. You were built to be connected to your Creator and to walk with Him, side by side. And it starts with a simple yes.

So will you accept the invitation? Are you ready to embark on an epic journey filled with miracles, saying yes to the plans God had for you since He knit you in the womb? If so, I would love to come alongside you! In the book Open Handed Living, I share scripture to root you, testimonies to encourage you, and tools I have used to help equip you. Join me in the freedom that is found in living your best life, the very one you were created for.

