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Today's Sermon: Average

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 4:9–10 (NKJV)

Big Idea: How can I live above average? Let's look at a man named Jabez.

Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO LIVE ABOVE AVERAGE

1. You need great ambition.

THREE COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS THAT KEEP US FROM HAVING GREAT AMBITION

1. We confuse humility with fear.
2. We confuse contentment with laziness.
3. We confuse small thinking with spirituality.

2. You need a growing faith.

"Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God."

Missionary William Carey

- Jabez had a deep trust and belief in God.
- Jabez means painful.

What is the thing that could hold you back in life?



3. You need a prayer life.

THREE THINGS WE CAN ASK GOD FOR

1. God's power in your life
2. God's presence in your life
3. God's protection over your life

Do you want to break out of mediocrity? Do you want to live above average?
Do you want God's best?