

“You are not ok!”

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The Afters are a Christian rock band that has a song entitled “Never going back to ok”. Here is the chorus to the song, *“We’re never going back to ok. We’re never going back to easy. We’re never going back to the way it was. We’re never going back to ok.”*

It amazes me in my own life that though I have been serving the Lord for many years I tend to think at times that I am a nobody. “A John Doe” in society, but I know this mind set is contrary to God and His Word. I Peter 2:9 says *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”* We have been called into His marvelous light! God sets us apart from society that is ok with being ok. We as the children of God have a different perspective on things. Before we came to Jesus we were people that didn’t know what grace and mercy was. I Peter 2:10 tells us *“Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy”*. Why should we settle for mediocrity? We have so much in God. We are literally wonderfully made by God and called to higher things. We may be surrounded by the **“ok”** but God has more for us.

The Apostle Paul told Timothy a young Pastor in II Timothy 1:6 *“...stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands”*. Have you stirred up your gift? Have you stretched the boundaries of your life? God has given every single one of us talents. If we don’t put them to use then we will live just an ok life. The Christian walk is not a life of lying down and letting everything pass us by. Christianity is about grabbing, stretching, pushing, and moving forward. Working what God has given us. If we just want to be ok, then God is **not** going to say to us, *“Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.”* Matthew 25:21.

Let’s not be influenced by the mediocrity of the world and their obsession with being **“ok”**. Let’s turn up the heat so we can be on fire for the Lord and live the extraordinary life God has for us. Ok? ☺



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