

# HOW TO LIVE ABOVE AVERAGE

What God Can Do Through Ordinary You

Part 5

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Jabez was a man who literally stood out in a crowd. In a list of over 600 names, God singled out this one man for special recognition. What made Jabez so special?

*“Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, “I gave birth to him in pain.” Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.”*

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## THREE CHARACTERISTICS

1. YOU NEED A \_\_\_\_\_

*“... enlarge my territory!”*

Common misconceptions:

\* We confuse \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_

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2. YOU NEED A \_\_\_\_\_  
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*“Jabez -- ordinary, yet above average, to live above average . . .”*

3. YOU NEED A \_\_\_\_\_

*“Jabez prayed . . .”*

## THREE REQUESTS:

\* He prayed for \_\_\_\_\_ in his life.

*“Bless me...”*

\* He prayed for \_\_\_\_\_ in his life.

*“Let your hand be with me . . .”*

\* He prayed for \_\_\_\_\_ over his life.

*“Keep me from harm so I will be free from pain.”*

Next Sermon's Topic  
**HOW GOD TURNS NOBODIES INTO SOMEBODIES**  
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