

ORDINARY PEOPLE... DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS

I have had an exciting week. Almost 6 years since beginning the journey the release of my next book about my mum, *'Dance Until it Rains'*, is in sight. The publishers sent me the cover design and it looks amazing and they also sent me the blurb for the back cover and the front & back flap of the book. They have done such a great job of capturing the essence of the book in such a small amount of words. I would love to share a little bit with you now. Part of the back cover blurb says; *'Learn life's most important lessons from an ordinary person who had an extraordinary desire to change her circumstances. Be inspired to create vision for your life, take some simple steps ... and then watch how your life changes forever'*



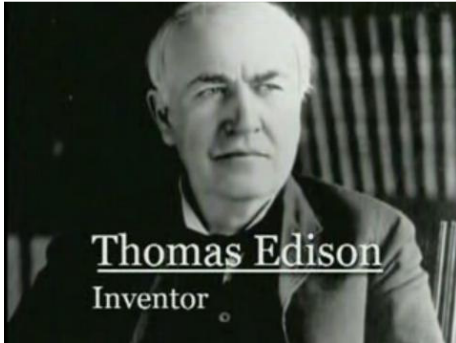
My mum really was remarkable, yet very ordinary. She was a typically adoring mother and wife who would do anything for her husband and children (even wear crazy head gear when supporting her son playing football!). But when faced with the threat of cancer and the risk of losing those most important to her an incredible, extraordinary inner strength shone through. Why did she have it? Where did it come from? Well, guess what ... we all have it and can draw on it whenever we choose!! This week I wanted to honour all those seemingly ordinary people doing simple things to create extraordinary results...

It is what is inside that counts

We went to business seminar last night and the couple speaking, by their own admission, were just ordinary people. They were not public speakers, they were in fact quite nervous to talk in front of several hundreds of people, but boy were they powerful. They had simply followed some basic steps to create significant business success for themselves and others, but if you were to look at them and listen to them speak you would wonder how. It was inspiring because of their relatability to everyone in the room and it showed that the secret to success is what lies inside and not necessarily what shows on the

outside. It is interesting that it is often not the person that looks squeaky clean and sounds the most confident that has the success, but more the ordinary person with an extraordinary desire to change their circumstances.

They are everywhere



These people are everywhere we look, we just don't know what is happening inside them and how significant what they are doing at the time really is. You can't often recognise someone who is fighting cancer by looking at them, because to us they look like they are just living a normal life. It is what is happening inside. Could you pick an olympic athlete who doesn't seem to have any co-ordination? It is what is happening

on the inside and the simple steps they take. How would you ever predict a famous inventor from a person with ADHD and only 3 months of formal schooling? It is what is happening on the inside and the habits they form.

There are many people in my life that fall into this category of ordinary people, with an extraordinary desire who are on the path to great success. The weird thing is that that during the process we often can't see the results we would like to be seeing and it is only the pure faith and commitment to our extraordinary desire to stay the race that will ensure we actually do achieve the thing we are pursuing. This is not something I normally do but I would love to publicly acknowledge the following ordinary people who are inspring me everyday with their persistence and commitment to achieve extraordinary things. Laura and I look forward to sharing many successes with them over the following months and years. They are; Haydn, Monique, Helen, Lachlan, Franca, Jason, Marj, Louis, Stephen, Ros, Karyn, Brent, Eve, Pixie and Tony. Well done guys, you know who you are - we love and respect you.

It's not that big of a deal

I know that we often look at successful people and say 'I could never be like them' ... Rubbish!! Everyone wanting to achieve more in their lives start out exactly the same; scared, confused and doubting themselves. But the reality is that it **really isn't that big of a deal**. As ordinary as we may be or seem, all we need is to find that extraordinary desire to have what we want and then just take and continue to take some every simple steps until it is ours. Ruben Gonzalez (on the right) was an ordinary man with little ability but an extraordinary desire to be an olympian. He competed in Luge in three consecutive winter olympics!



"Great people were not born great. They became great by making a decision to pursue their dream in life and by refusing to give up. The struggle we must all face on the road to our dreams is what makes us great. Ordinary people can become extraordinary if they dedicate their lives to the pursuit of their dreams."

RUBEN GONZALEZ

Why not us and why not now!