



February always feels like an in-between time—winter is still holding on, but the days are getting longer little by little. We're past the fresh beginnings of January but not yet to the anticipation of Spring and Easter. It's a season that invites us to settle in, to deepen rather than to start something new.

This year, I've been thinking about what it means to be faithful in the ordinary moments. We often look for God in the dramatic—the mountaintop experiences, the clear answers to prayer, the moments when everything clicks into place. But most of our lives unfold in the quiet rhythms of February days: the same commute, the same conversations, the same struggles and small joys.

Jesus spent most of his life in such ordinariness—thirty years in Nazareth before three years of ministry. Those hidden years mattered. They shaped him. And I wonder if our challenge is to trust that God is equally as present in our Februaries as in our Easters, equally at work in the routine as in the remarkable.

As we move through this month, I encourage you to notice where faithfulness shows up in simple ways: the person who quietly unlocks the doors and turns on the lights each Sunday, the phone call to check on a friend, the decision to pray even when you don't feel like it, the choice to show up when it would be easier to stay home.

We'll gather for worship, we'll care for one another, we'll keep seeking God together. Nothing flashy—just faithful. And that, I believe, is more than enough.

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I will be adjusting my office hours to be Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9a-12noon beginning in February. To ensure I can give you my full attention and respect everyone's time, I ask that you please schedule appointments in advance. I'm also happy to meet with people at other times and places as fits our mutual schedules.

