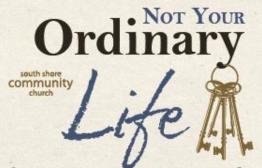
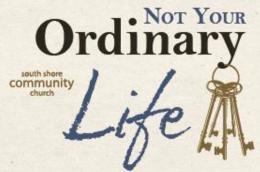


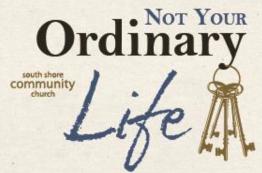
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- How do we expand our umbrella of spiritual authority?



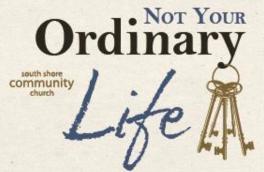
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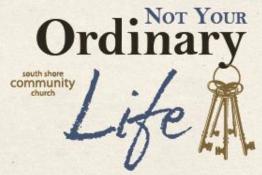
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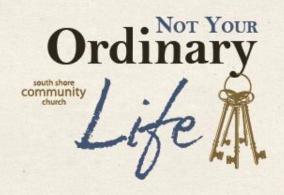
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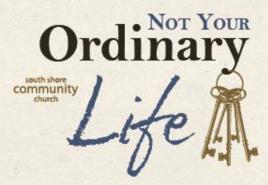
· Second, to expand our spiritual authority we can seek to experience some impartation. (Numbers 12:18, "So the Lord said to Moses, 'Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand upon him. Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him.")



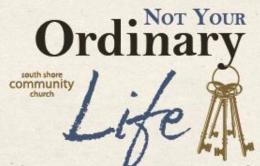
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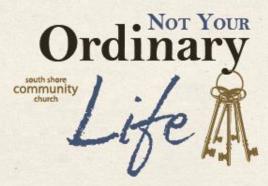
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- Numbers 12:3, "Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth." God entrusts his authority at ever increasing levels to the humble & contrite of heart.



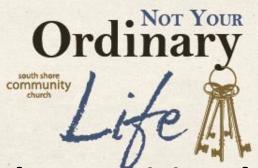
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- Matthew 16 Jesus promises the disciples the keys to the Kingdom – authority. Matthew 16:24f, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."



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- We can have the keys to the kingdom & unlock ancient spiritual gates through prayer & fasting, but only to the degree that we walk the way of the cross. If we are going to grow in authority, we must walk in humility.
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