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Unlikely Heroes: Be an Unlikely Hero

TEXT: John 8:12; Matthew 5:16

Everybody HAS a hero

- ❖ We all have Heroes... some of our heroes may not be the best.
- ❖ What we NEED are Godly Heroes we can follow.
- ❖ What makes someone a hero? I recently ask on my social media and here were some responses.
 - Perseverance/steadiness
 - Self-Sacrifice/unselfish
 - Loyalty
 - Taking Responsibility / not blaming others...
 - Doing What is RIGHT at all times not just when it's easy
 - Valuing others
 - Unconditional LOVE
 - Praying for others – working to share the Gospel
 - POWER of a CAUSE - living for something bigger than self

Everybody NEEDS A Hero

- ❖ Heroes provide an example. People become our heroes because they DO or have DONE something.
 - We ADMIRE (respect, honor, applaud) them.
 - We ASPIRE to do or be like them.
- ❖ As believers, Jesus is OUR #1 HERO and example.
 - The Lord also provides other Godly heroes around us.
- ❖ Many examples of this in the Scripture,
 - Joshua had a hero - Moses (Ex 17:9-10, Ex 33:11)
 - Elisha looked to the hero Elijah (1 Kings 19:19, 2Kings 2:9)
 - Naomi was a hero to Ruth (Ruth 1:16-19)
 - Paul was one of Timothy's heroes
- ❖ Our Heroes inspire & challenge us, both directly & indirectly.
- ❖ We need more Godly EVERYDAY Heroes among us.

Everybody CAN BE a hero

Sometimes, we are just minding our business and a need arises and there's that 'inner' voice of the Spirit of God telling you.. "You already know what to do..." be the help, be the hero.

- ❖ Most are unexpected, unknown, unlikely. 1 Corinthians 1:27 That's exciting, because it opens the field for all of us to be heroes.
 - Heroes are rarely who you expect. *Beauty & the Beast...* Gaston looks like the natural HERO, but he certainly isn't. Frodo Baggins isn't the likely hero in *Lord of the Rings...* The shepherd David wasn't the likely hero against Goliath
- ❖ Heroes are ordinary. Regular people doing remarkable things.
 - They let their lights shine before others. Matthew 5:16 Fighting the fights worth fighting – The power of a CAUSE
 - They bring light to darkness. How does your light shine?
 - They live for others and not themselves. Have a cause.
 - What is your CAUSE? How will you live or stand up for someone else this week?
- ❖ HEROES take action. They don't sit on the sidelines and just talk.
 - Random acts of kindness (planned & spontaneous spirit-led)
 - Sweeping the rocks off your neighbor's driveway
 - Washing a friend's car
 - Helping pay a student's tuition
 - Paying for a meal
 - Volunteering in the community or serving in church. Heroes champion causes and are lights for change. What do you champion?
- ❖ Live by a Code – What are your core values? Your non-negotiable principles.
 - A Heroes code of honor is their compass and helps guide them in making daily decisions, big and small.
- ❖ Don't underestimate your capabilities. Judging how Goliath looked compared to David, you'd think Goliath was the superior one.
 - It doesn't matter if you're a: writer, plumber, real estate broker, personal trainer, musician, care provider, phone call taker, parent or college student... You're capable of much more than you believe. You've yet to see it because you haven't given yourself the chance to.

*Not everybody is a hero, but every believer can
& should be. Everybody has heroes,
it's time the Church began supplying more of them.
Become the hero you are meant to be. Be a Hero!*