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EXTREME FAITH

What makes a hero?

"A hero is a person, who makes a radial impact on another person causing that person to be changed for the better..." "The radical change occurs when you" use your strength to serve..." "As you jump into situations to help others you are letting them know they matter..."

As you help others you are being lead by God because you follow God, you will make an impact on the ones that you are helping, because you follow God, your story will be marked with the finger print of God... You will have endurance for the battle because you will depend on God for all things...

Discipline sets our minds focus on God and allows all things to be possible... Vision and Goals for our lives keep us on track with the Spirit, you may not see the finish line but you know where it is and you run towards it..

Jesus is the ultimate hero and when we live as He lives we live to full potential and live a hero's life...

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ALLOWS US TO LIVE TO FULL POTENTIAL...**

WHAT MAKES A HERO?

Name: _____

Jesus The Ultimate Hero Allows Us To Live To Full Potential...

Who do you say Jesus is? A simple question at the surface, but when you really think about it how would you answer this question. How we define Jesus says a lot about us and it will define you.

So who do you say Jesus is? For most of us it is an answer that we have answered before, but for most of us we have many different answers. You see on any given day I could say that Jesus is my Lord and Savior, my King, my Best Friend, my Guide, my Comfort, and my Strength. You get the point. The only thing about my answer to this question is this it changes day by day and minute by minute depending on my emotional state. Jesus and how I define Him, much of the time depends upon my emotional state. If I am happy and having a great day, Jesus is my Best Friend, if I am having a crappy day, well I my call Him my Savior, and well if I am getting into things that I know He would not approve of, well I just forget that I have any relationship with Him. Until conviction comes and then, He becomes my Lord.

As crazy as it sounds I allow my emotional state which is never all that balanced to be the defining factor of who Jesus is.

Jesus becomes the thing that I turn to depending on how my day, week, month,

or year is going. The Bible says this about Jesus. Colossians 1:15-16

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. When you look at that description of Jesus it really seems silly that I would allow my emotions to be the thing that defines Jesus.

If I took this section Colossians 1:13-23 and developed my answer of who is Jesus, I would have an answer that defines my emotions, and my life. Instead of my emotions and my life defining who I say Jesus is I would allow all that He is to define my emotions and life. I hope you can see the difference and why it is important. Take five minuets and read Colossians 1:13-23 and ask yourself who do you say Jesus is? When we define Jesus as the person that He is instead of what we need Him to be our lives will be a reflection of Him, instead of our emotional state. When we live with the proper view of Jesus we can live up to our full potential.

**JESUS IS THE
ULTIMATE
HERO..**

JESUS IS _____.

How we define Jesus will ultimately define who we are becoming. Jesus lived out every principle of what a Hero is. Jesus redefined the meaning of a Hero. As we learn who Jesus is and how we answer the question Jesus is____. We change and we grow, and in the end we realize that we can be Heroes to the people around us.

Real Life Hero's

"The Highest Words"

Nikolai Khamara

U.S.S.R.

1970s

"What kind of men are these?" wondered Nikolai Khamara. "They show joy while suffering. They sing in very dark hours. When they have a piece of bread, they share it with someone who has none. Morning and evening, they fold their hands and speak to someone whom no one can see. As they do, their faces shine." For months, Khamara had watched the Christians who shared his cell in the Communist prison. Unlike the believers who were in prison for refusing to deny their faith in Jesus, Khamara was there for crimes he had committed. Arrested for robbery, he had been sentenced to prison for ten years. He described himself as "a man with no conscience." One day, two of the Christians sat down with Khamara. He told them the sad story of his life and finished by saying, "I am a lost man." One of the Christians asked Khamara, "Suppose somebody loses a gold ring. What is the value of that gold ring when it is lost?" "What a foolish question!" Khamara replied. "A gold ring is a gold ring. You have lost it, but somebody else will have it." "Then what is the value of a lost man?" the Christian asked. Answering his own question, he continued, "A lost man, even one who is a thief or an adulterer or a murderer, has the whole value of a man. He is of such value that the Son of God forsook heaven for him and died on the cross to save him." Khamara understood. The Christian said to the robber, "God loves you. You are valuable to Him. "When Jesus met drunkards, robbers, prostitutes, or others who had committed great sins, He never asked them what sins they had committed. Instead, He told them, Be of good cheer. Your sins are forgiven.' I also tell you, Khamara, that your sins are forgiven because Jesus died for you. You only have to believe." Khamara became a Christian. When he finished his prison term and was set free, he joined the underground church even though it was in constant threat from the KGB. He became a faithful member of his local congregation. Some time later, the pastor of Khamara's church was arrested. The authorities beat and tortured him, hoping he would tell the names of the church members and give them information that would help them stop the printing of Gospel booklets that had been circulating throughout their province. He was tortured, but he told them nothing. If he had, thousands of his fellow believers would have been arrested. After he had beaten the pastor repeatedly without success, the captain of the investigation said, "We will not torture you anymore. We have another method."



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voice of the
Martyrs

BEING A HERO

EXTREME APPLICATION

Looking to be a hero, looking for a hero, at some point in our lives we will have a chance to be a hero and at some point in our lives we will need a hero! Think about the heroes in your life, who are they and what character traits do they have. Why do we call them a Hero? HEROES are the people who encourage us and cause us to believe in ourselves so that we can believe in others.

Think About it (The tension of Jesus being the Ultimate Hero)

What is a hero? That is how all of this starts, how do we define a hero? Many people would say many things to define a hero. But if we are to truly define a hero we need a standard something to work from. If we say that Jesus is the standard then we answer the question what is a hero. He is a person who lives as Jesus lived. Living for others, living as a servant. Throughout this spring we have been looking at what makes a Hero. In the end we can state that a hero is a person who lives as Jesus Christ lives. Here is the list of items that we developed that build the character of a Hero.

A HERO HAS FRIENDS TIGHT FRIENDS
A HERO HAS VISION AND GOALS FOR THEIR LIVES
A HERO IS DISCIPLINED AND THEIR LIVES SHOW IT
A HERO ENDURES AND FIGHTS ON
A HERO FOLLOWS GOD NO MATTER WHAT
A HERO TAKES RISK AND JUMP ON IN
A HERO KNOWS STRENGTH IS FOR SERVICE NOT STATUS

Jesus lives out each of the defining elements, and that creates tension, in a world that does not completely follow Jesus. Those who follow Jesus are not the majority, we are not seen as heroes. We must be the ones who live in the tension and follow Jesus no matter what. We must be the ones who live as heroes and change the world for the better.

Want to be a Hero? Then Go study how Jesus lives and allow Him to live in you and in the end you will find that you have lived a heroes life.



Dig In

Read Colossians 1:15-16

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

1. What words below describe Jesus? Circle those that do and X those that don't.

~~strong~~ X

meek

humble

honest

strong

mysterious

awesome

strange

boring

wimpy

sad

friendly

loving

fun

happy

God

tough

angry

caring

cool

smart

perfect

2. Who do you say Jesus is?

3. Does your daily life show others the truth about Jesus? (How?)

4. Do you live at full potential? What would you say is full potential for you?

5. Take another read of Colossians 1: 15-16 the put it in your own words.

BECOMING A

