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EXTREME FAITH

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“A person, who makes a radial impact on another person causing that person to be completely changed because of the interaction or experience.”

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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 depending on my emotional state. Jesus and how I define Him too 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.

What Makes a Hero?

"All Along" by Remedy Drive

All Along

It's not everything it seems - the world and its dreams
Slipping like water through my hands tonight
All the things I thought would fill me up inside
Left me empty here - and now I know why

All along I was looking for something else
You're something else
All along I was looking for something more
You're so much more
I finally found what I could never see before
You've always been the one that I was looking for

All of my castles in the sand - washed away again
And I'm left back where I began tonight
The only thing that can ever fill me up
Has been right in front of me all the time

bridge:

I won't miss you - I won't miss you this time
I say I want you - yeah I want you in my life



This song is featured on
Daylight is coming album
by
Remedy Drive

REAL LIFE HERO'S

"MAKING EVERY MINUTE COUNT"

PATRICK HAMILTON

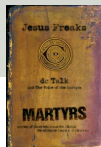
23 YEARS

OLD SCOTLAND 1527

The handsome young man on the scaffold turned to his servant and comforted him, saying, "What I am about to suffer, dear friend, appears fearful and bitter to the flesh. But remember, it is the entrance to everlasting life, which none shall possess who deny their Lord. Young Patrick Hamilton had all he needed for success: born of royal blood, he was intelligent and talented, pleasant and gentle. While at school, he embraced the teachings of Martin Luther. With Luther he felt that the Bible, not edicts of the established church, held the true foundation for the Christian faith and the relationship of each person to God. Soon his views got him in trouble with the local church government and the crown, so he escaped to Germany. There, at the University of Marburg, he experienced a great change. Where before he had been skeptical and timid! he now became courageous. Each day he increased in knowledge and, inflamed with godliness, decided to return to Scotland to take the truth of Gods Word to his own countrymen. When he returned to Scotland, he immediately began to preach the truths he had learned. After a short time, he was ordered to appear before the Archbishop. He was so on fire with his message that he did not want to wait for his appointment, but came very early in the morning. Although he argued powerfully, he was arrested and put in prison. Many tried to get Hamilton to change his mind, or at least to convince him to stop preaching his beliefs and disturbing the established church. But he did not back down from his stand. In fact, his faith was so contagious that a priest who visited his cell was also converted. The day came for him to be sentenced to death. That same day, after dinner, he was led away to be burned at the stake. When his executioners had difficulty keeping the fire lit, he used it as one last opportunity to preach to those who were standing near. "How long, O God," he cried, "shall darkness cover this kingdom? How long will You allow this tyranny of men?" At last, the fire consumed him. As he died, he cried out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

The day Hamilton was burned at the stake, someone dared to say to his persecutors: "If you are going to burn any more, you had better do it in a cellar, for the smoke of Hamiltons burning has opened the eyes of hundreds. Jesus Freaks make the most of every opportunity to share Jesus. Patrick Hamilton preached in prison and at the stake. Do you make your opportunities count for eternity? Act like people with good sense and not like fools. These are evil times, so make every minute count..find out what the Lord wants you to do. Paul the Apostle Martyred in Rome, 65 AD (EPHESIANS 5:15-17 CEV)

Some Christians haven t even attempted to think about whether or not they would die for Jesus because they haven't really been living for Him. dcTalk



Featured Story from the book Jesus Freaks dcTalk and the 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 the summer 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.

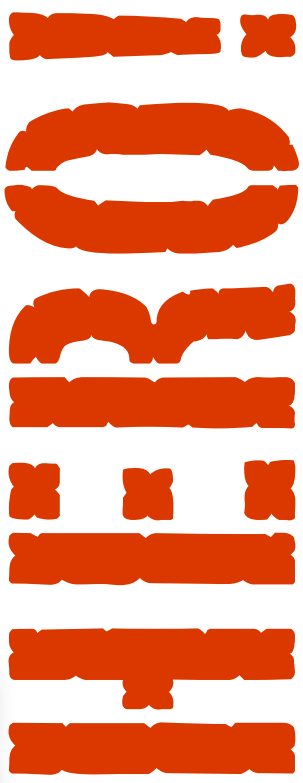


DIG IN

Read Colossians 1:15-16

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



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| meek | humble | honest |
| strong | mysterious | awesome |
| strange | boring | wimpy |
| sad | friendly | loving |
| fun | happy | God |
| tough | angry | caring |
| cool | smart | perfect |

2. What do you think? If Jesus Christ lived in your town, attended your school, and was the same age as you—

1. Would he be popular or unpopular?
2. Where would he go to church?
3. What kind of music would he listen to?
4. What would he do after school?
5. What TV shows would he watch, if any?
6. Would he like your youth group, if he attended?

3. If someone asked you why you believed in Jesus, how would you respond? What would you say if they argued with you?

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4. Christ asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13, author's paraphrase). Find out what each of the following Bible verses says about Christ, then complete each of the sentences.

Matthew 16:16 Jesus is—

John 3:16-17 Jesus is—

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Colossians 1:13-23 Jesus is—

BECOMING A

