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# EXTREME FAITH

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#### Everyone loves a hero...

Everyone loves a hero, we look up to them and we imagine ourselves being one someday. But just what is a hero? Dictionary.com defines a hero as.

he-ro [heer-oh] noun, plural heroes.

1. a man of distinguished courage or ability, admired for his brave deeds and noble qualities.
2. a person who, in the opinion of others, has heroic qualities or has performed a heroic act and is regarded as a model or ideal: He was a local hero when he saved the drowning child.
3. the principal male or female character in a story, play, film, etc.

The list above gives us a glimpse of what a hero is. Many people define a hero as someone who saves someone from something. That is a great definition as well. Lets face it if you save someone then you should be considered a hero. But what defines saving someone? Do they have to be saved from dying, or from some horrible injury, or from making a horrible embarrassing mistake? Saving someone has many definitions, and we all need saving from time to time.

The world loves a hero, look at movies and books, they are crammed packed with

hero's doing what hero's do, saving people or themselves.

Here's a question for you what about a person who stands up against the odds to do something that is against the culture, or the way everyone else does it? Could that person be a hero? Or what about a person who does something, like saving a life but is never noticed or recognized for it, could that person be a hero? Or what about you could you be a hero, could you do something that changes a persons life so they are never the same, change them for the better, could you do that would that make you a hero?

Here is my definition of a hero. “A person, who makes a radial impact on another person causing that person to be completely changed because of the interaction or experience.” In your mind would that be a hero. If you agree, then be encouraged, you may become a hero just yet...We all love hero's and we are all hero's waiting for the chance to do what hero's do...”Save a life” “Impact others so their lives are never the same” “Make a sacrifice so that others might have justice.” We all have the chance to be hero's....

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**How about Jesus I think that we all would say that He is a hero, and He is someone we all look up to. How can knowing Jesus better make us become hero's in other people's lives? Jesus saved the world, and we share in that work, we share in that labor. Jesus is a hero that each of us can connect to because He saved us, and now he invites us to share in that work by sharing Him with our family, and our friends...**

# Real Life Hero's

Nicole's story:

Heroism often comes in packages that surprise you. Just when you've got someone sized up, you may discover she has something you're not expecting. That's the way Nicole is. Meet her, and you think you're meeting one type of person. Has to use a wheelchair. Hindered from a "normal" life. Weak.

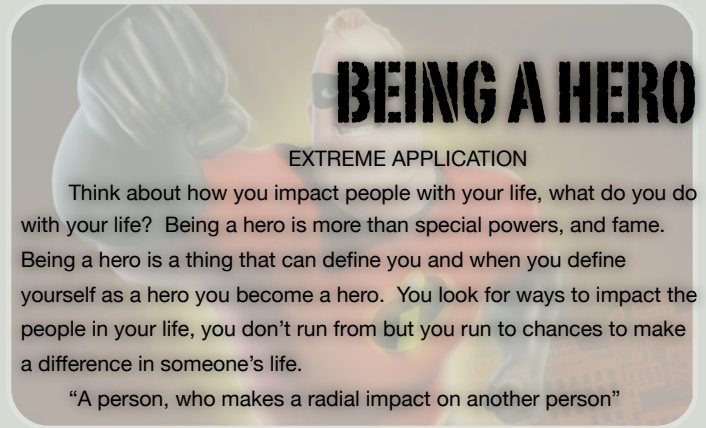
But that's not Nicole.

She's about four feet tall. She's the sweetest girl you'll ever meet. Imagine skin-covered love. She's interested in your day. And she's always willing to try something new, even if she has to shed the wheelchair to do it. And all the time, she wants to help out. Her love can melt your heart. Nicole heads into her day with heroism that would inspire the strongest of us. By the time she makes it through the doors of her school, she's already defeated a number of giants: getting out of bed, taking a shower, getting dressed, and getting to school. Heroic. That's Nicole. It's not so much that she's conquered the mountain-sized giants we'd balk at if we were in her place. It's the way she's conquered them. There's a confidence in her four-foot frame that most adults long to possess. There's a self-assuredness that most of America would beg, borrow, or steal to gain. What's so startling is that Nicole never complains. She faces overwhelming challenges and never whines. That makes her heroism even more apparent. Always praising God, never hating what He's given her to deal with.

Heroism. It's the willingness to act despite danger, fear, or difficulty. Don't you know that this young lady has faced all three? Imagine Nicole the first time she got out of bed by herself. Imagine her first solo trip in a wheelchair. You couldn't paint a better picture of heroism.

She doesn't stand, but she stands tall. Not because she's found the cure for cancer. Not because she's solved the problem of world hunger. But because, every day, she bravely conquers giants that most of us see as dwarfs. And she does it with a smile, with grace, and with a love for God.

That's extreme heroism.



## Think About it (The tension of being a hero)

Being a hero is like being a rock star, and that is pretty cool. But is it really all that easy?

Let's look at some of the cost that one will have to pay if they become a hero. Romans 15:1 describes a hero as this. "Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. (The Message Translation)

One of the first things I see is that we who are strong must step in and lend a hand. Wow, what if I just don't want to get involved. I mean getting involved usually means it will cost me something.

My time, my energy, my status. That might not seem like a lot, but let's face it we are all pretty busy with life. On top of that I am suppose to lend a hand to those who are falling on their face, come on, if I can stand surly they can take care of themselves as well. This verse also tells me that I am not just suppose to do what is convenient for me, meaning that if a hero I am I have to go out of my way to assist and to save. Not just help the people who are in the path of the way that I am going. I might have to put aside my life for a time to be a hero. My life is my life and the things I want to do, I just want to do them.

Let's face it as we start to look at this verse we have to ask ourselves is it really worth the time and the energy to be a hero? In doing the right thing in this world there is always tension...



# Dig In

Read Romans 15:1 (The Message) Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us.

Who has been a hero to you?

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List some times when you have helped others:

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In your own words what is Romans 15:1 saying?

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How is this verse describing a hero?

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**BECOMING A**

