

FAITH HEROES

“Heroes”

Getting Started

Are you a personality or a character?

Who is your favorite super hero?

Who is a celebrity, athlete or famous person who you would consider your hero?

Who is an “average Joe” type person who has been a hero to you?

Going Deeper

Read the following quote and take a moment to discuss it as a group.

“Recently I’ve been thinking about the difference between the résumé virtues and the eulogy virtues. The résumé virtues are the ones you list on your résumé, the skills that you bring to the job market and that contribute to external success. The eulogy virtues are deeper. They’re the virtues that get talked about at your funeral, the ones that exist at the core of your being—whether you are kind, brave, honest or faithful; what kind of relationships you formed. Most of us would say that the eulogy virtues are more important than the résumé virtues, but I confess that for long stretches of my life I’ve spent more time thinking about the latter than the former. Most of us have clearer strategies for how to achieve career success than we do for how to develop a profound character.” -The Road to Character by David Brooks.

Do you think you spend more energy and effort on resume virtues or eulogy virtues?

What is a shift you’d like to make in your life to seek deeper virtues in your life?

Daniel was a man of great character. Take a moment to read his story in [Daniel 6](#) and then talk about the four lessons of character from Daniels life.

1) Having character does not mean that people will not take a shot at you

How have you experienced the truth of this in your life?

Do you agree with this statement? *“For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.”*

2) A person of character doesn’t hurt people on purpose or by accident.

We get a picture of what true character is all about in [Daniel 6:4](#) when Daniel is described like this. *"They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent."*

Most people would say that they don't hurt people on purpose. They aren't intentionally corrupt. But that doesn't mean we aren't negligent.

Are any of the the following phrases your "go to move" when you make a mistake?

- I didn't mean to hurt you.
- I really meant well.
- I wasn't trying to cut you down
- I was only joking
- I'm sorry I was in a bad mood today
- I apologize, life has been crazy lately
- You're right, but if you understood what was going on at work you'd understand

3) The closer we get to God the more our character grows

Read [Hebrews 10:22,23](#) and talk about how growing closer to God can grow your character

4) A person of character does not stop doing what's right when it becomes difficult

Daniel chose to maintain his character even when life got scary. What are some scary life moments that make it hard to maintain character?

- Our God is the God that can close the mouths of lions
- He can close the mouths of critics
- He can close the mouths of gossips
- He can calm the hearts of roaring teenagers and angry spouses
- He can take the bite out of debt and creditors.

Which lions mouth do you need God to close in your life right now?

LENT

Reminder: Lent starts this week.

If you haven't chosen a lent challenge you can find them at:

<https://www.canyonsprings.org/event/explore-the-season-of-lent-2018/> or you can check the most recent copy of your eBulletin.