



QUESTIONS TO MEDITATE ON OR DISCUSS WITH OTHERS:

Preamble- Heroes or Ordinary People

When we think of “heroes,” we often think of people who are larger than life - superstars, warriors, intelligent, or world-changers. But the bible suggests that God’s perspective is different from the world’s and true fulfilment and blessing come from aligning oneself with God’s will. God delights in using the ordinary, the unlikely, the overlooked. While the world celebrates power, status, and success, God chooses the humble, the weak, the unpopular and the broken to do extra ordinary things.

In 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Paul reminds the church that God’s wisdom often looks like foolishness to the world. Jesus death on the cross - something shameful in that culture—was actually the greatest act of love and power. And just like the cross, God’s people are often seen as weak or unimpressive, yet they are the very ones God uses to reveal His glory.

The series, Heroes or Ordinary People explores how God does not need superstars—He calls and empowers ordinary people to do heroic things through His Spirit. So if you’ve ever felt too small or broken or too unqualified, this message is for you. God doesn’t call the qualified, He empowers and equips those whom He has chosen for a specific purpose, even if they don’t feel qualified.

Week 1: Intro Questions

1. Why do you think God chooses ordinary or unlikely people instead of the strong and impressive.
2. Can you think of a time when God used you— or someone you know in a way that surprised you?
3. What “ordinary” part of your life could you offer to God this week for His purposes?

Week 2: Bible character: RUTH

1. What’s the difference between a hero and role-model?
2. Was there something in today’s sermon that especially caught your attention?
3. Share with each other regarding people that have become heroes for you.

Week 3: Bible character: DAVID

1. Are there areas of my life where I need to apply a focus shift in order to maintain correct priorities?
2. How can I learn from David and safeguard my heart?
3. Have I got special people in my life that I am transparent for and that I allow to speak into my life with wisdom and guidance?

Week 4: Bible character: JONAH

1. How much do I include God in my life's vital choices and decisions?
2. Meditate on using the "traffic-light" tool:
 - What should I stop doing? Red light
 - What should I pause and reflect on instead of just allowing things to rush on? Yellow light
 - What should I continue doing, start or be persistent with? Green light
3. Do I need to ask God for forgiveness for things in my life that limit me from His plan?

Week 5: Bible character: GIDEON

1. How does Gideon's initial response to God's call reflect our own doubts or insecurities?
Read - Judges 6:15 - My clan is the weakest. Is there a difference between how God sees you versus how you see yourself? What is the difference and why? Is it situational or is it always?
2. If you were in Gideon's position, would you have asked God for confirmation through signs?
Read - Judges 6:36-40 - The signs that Gideon was asking for. When is it appropriate to ask for God's confirmation or when might it become a sign of weak faith?
3. How would you have reacted or felt when God wants to reduce your army from 32000 to 300?
Read - Judges 7:2 - You have too many men...How does this challenge the way we think about strength, resources and success in our lives?
4. After the victory, instead of following God's plan, Gideon chooses to make a golden ephod. What can we learn about spiritual success and its potential dangers?
Read - Judges 8:22-27 - How can we stay grounded or humbled after tasting success or victory through God? Even more importantly, staying connected with God?

Week 6: Bible character: DEBORAH

1. What made Deborah unique amongst the judges of Israel?
2. How did Deborah show courage and leadership against Sisera?
3. What can we learn today from Deborah's faith and wisdom?

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