

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HEROES

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Merry Christmas, Superkids!

I am so blessed the Lord put you in my life. I love each and every one of you. You have a special place in my heart. That is why every month, I press in to see what the Lord has on His mind for you. You're always on His mind because YOU have that same place in His heart.

Last month, I knew the Lord had more to say on the subject of heroes. Jesus never intended for miraculous, heroic, God-inspired stories of freedom to end with the Bible heroes. Jesus came to create generations of people filled with Himself. Why? So we can continue to be His heroes on the earth. Jesus always has a plan to win. Even when things look dark or difficult, like now. Believe it or not, Superkids, there have been times in the past when things have been worse. In some countries, scary situations, war, trouble or persecution may be a part of everyday life! One thing is sure, Jesus is with you, wherever you are, **if** you have asked Him to be your Lord. If not, pray the prayer at the end, and it's a done deal!

WHAT IS A HERO? Dictionary.com says a *hero* is "a person who, in the opinion of others, has special achievements, abilities, or personal qualities and is regarded as a role model or ideal." We talked earlier this year about the fact that our achievements, abilities and personal qualities come from Jesus! This is exactly what makes us hero-qualified! With Jesus LIVING inside you, you are not just YOU, you are always WE. It is always you AND Jesus!

Remember from last month what made our heroes special. Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, Moses and David listened to God and obeyed Him, no matter what was going on or how hard it was. And Jesus, Hero of all heroes, is the One who helps us live the hero life.

Many people have answered the call to be role models, giving to others all they had, living selfless lives, some even putting their lives on the line, like Jesus did. Many lived in terrible times, much worse than today! Yet they obeyed and trusted God, not thinking of their own comfort, pressing in to His plan for their lives and those around them.

OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ARE HEROES—the police, firefighters, and military men and women put their lives on the line daily for you and me. They are heroes EVERY DAY! Sometimes they give their lives to save others.

Heroes in my life have helped me, taught me, lifted me up and made my life different: Kenneth Hagin; Oral Roberts; Jerry and Carolyn Savelle; and my parents, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland (of course!). My grandmothers, Vinita and Mary, are also my heroes. They, like my parents, prayed for me, taught me and loved me through good times and bad. **Other heroes in my life include friends, teachers and role models who are not famous but they are big to me!**

They all have something in common with Jesus: They put their lives and comfort aside to give themselves to God and His plan. We can be like that, Superkids. What choices will we make? Will we be selfish or selfless? Will we be full of ourselves or full of Jesus?

Second Timothy 3:1-4, *New International Version*, says, "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."

This is not us, Superkids! Jesus is alive in us, with ALL of His power and characteristics—healing, joy, peace, love, strength...too many things to list! Most importantly, He brings whatever we need right when we need it! Second Peter 1:3 says we have everything we need to live this godly, heroic life because of His power in us!

my heroes list

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Back to 2 Timothy 3, in verses 10-15, Paul reminds Timothy that he has been his hero! Timothy learned the Word from Paul, watched him go through hard times, stand on the Word in faith, and live his life in God. Timothy was blessed to have a hero like Paul. He changed Timothy's life like my heroes changed mine. God puts people in our lives along with Jesus because He wants us to become heroes too.

Many of you tell me that I am your hero. That is a huge honor and gift to me! But I didn't know I was becoming a hero. I am a regular person, living, succeeding and sometimes failing, with Jesus inside me. Because of Jesus and my heroes, even my failures have enriched my life. Giving my life away enabled me to be a hero to others in similar situations.

I encourage you to read about God's heroes throughout history. You will see that they were ordinary people living life, empowered by the Hero within. Be inspired, be grateful and become ONE OF THEM!

Don't let the enemy convince you that you aren't hero material! **YOU ARE ALREADY A HERO!** Just begin to make selfless choices. Learn in the small things like sharing your toys or the last cookie, or letting others be first. This is just how the hero life goes! You give your life away and you always get more life back! It worked for Jesus! He gave Himself away and He got YOU!

Merry Christmas to all heroes, and to all a good fight (of faith, of course!)
Commander Kellie ♥

TO MAKE JESUS YOUR LORD, PRAY THIS PRAYER:

Father God, I believe that Jesus is Your Son who died for me and rose again, so I can be with Him forever. Jesus, I make You the Lord of my life and I will follow You forever. Thank You for coming into my heart and being my Savior. Amen.