

The Greatest Hero

(Training message for House Church and individual use: preached 11/8 - 11/14/2020)

Our Top 3 War Movie Recommendations for Veteran's Day Weekend

1. [Unbroken: Path to Redemption](#) - *"Beginning where the hit movie Unbroken concludes, the next [and most important] chapter brings the rest of Louis Zamperini's inspirational true story [of redemption in Christ] to life."*
2. [Sergeant York](#) - *"[The] story of [a Christian] World War I hero who captured [an impregnable] German position single-handedly. The film also portrays York's earlier life [and conversion to Christ] in the mountains of Tennessee."*
3. [Hacksaw Ridge](#) - *"Andrew Garfield stars as [Christian] pacifistic WWII hero Desmond T. Doss, who saved 75 men at the Battle of Okinawa without ever firing a weapon."*

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At the center of every war story, including the three that we have listed, is a hero. One man (or, in some stories, one woman).

So, what or who is a hero? Well, to summarize the world's opinion, here's how a local news channel defines it.

"A hero is selfless, a genuinely good person, and someone [who] gets the undivided attention of all of us and causes change. Someone willing to risk their own life to save another." (Miller, Dave. "Special Report: What makes a Hero?" WalmNews10, A Gray Media Group, Inc. Station, Gray Television, Inc., 28 Feb. 2020, www.walb.com/story/14157521/special-report-what-makes-a-hero/. Accessed 11 Nov. 2020.)

That's, at least the general definition that they give. They then also include this statement.

"Webster's [dictionary] defines a hero as a mythological or legendary figure often of divine descent, endowed with great strength or ability."
(Ibid)

So what's this go to do with being a minister of God? Nothing. Nothing, if by that phrase you mean someone who has, as most have, compromised with what the world expects of a so-called minister of God; or, to be plain, what the God of this World wishes to use as a fake figurehead for him, for the Devil, to have those attached to his kingdom *call* a minister of God.

What does that mean? Well, let's flip those two definitions from the world around a bit as we compare them with God's.

Here then is a summary of what the Bible gives as four major characteristics of a real hero of God.

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I. The greatest hero is forsaken by man:

"At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge." (2 Timothy 4:16)

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II. The greatest hero is strengthened by God:

"Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion."
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III. The greatest hero is speaking for God:

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The world says that a hero is "often of divine descent"; but the Bible says that...

IV. The greatest hero is hated for God:

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V. The greatest hero stands for God:

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 4:11)

“Therefore I will still contend with you,’ declares the Lord, ‘And I will contend with your sons’ sons.” (Jeremiah 2:9, NASB)

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(A Message to the Ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ)

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WORSHIP:

[C.T. Studd \[Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean\]](#)

Opening:

[The Fight Is On](#)

[I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go \(352\)](#)

Message:

["A Call to Action" - C. T. Studd](#)

Heroes & their message:

[Selfless: Amy Carmichael](#)

["HE IS NO FOOL" \(from the diary of Jim Elliot\)](#)

[Selfless - William Carey](#)

[Get Up and Finish the Race - from *Chariots of Fire*](#)