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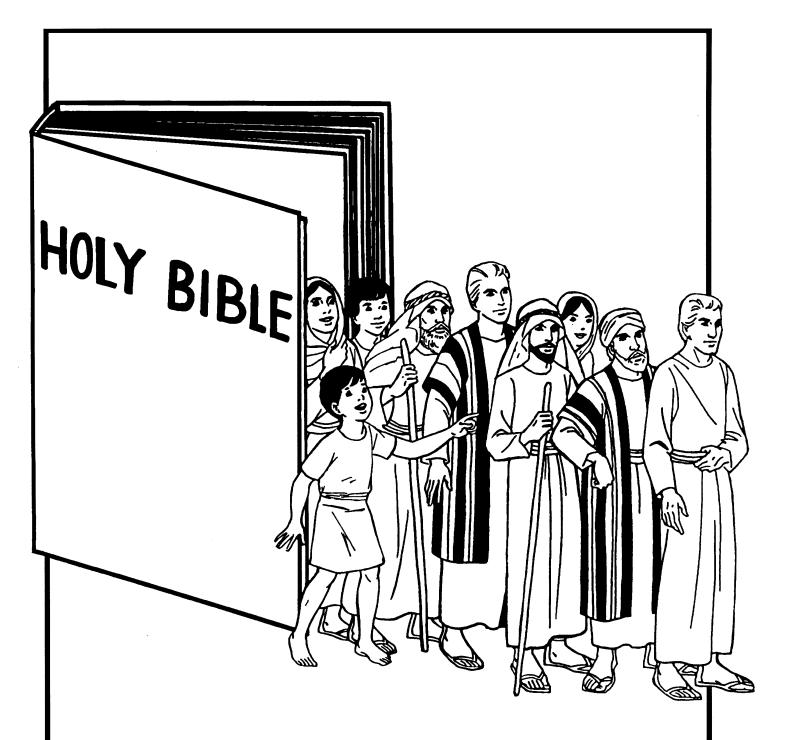
SEARCH is a Bible study course for the high school and adult levels. Bible references are taken from the King James version of the Bible. A Teacher's Guide is available. Have you ever met any heroes? You probably have, but just didn't realize it at the time. Heroes don't always have crowds following them. Their pictures may never have been blazoned across the front pages of the newspapers.

The dictionary says a hero is "a person admired for his qualities or achievements, and regarded as an ideal or model."

In this quarter of SEARCH, we thought it might be interesting to take a look at some of the heroes of the Bible. For a change, let's not think only of the more famous ones that immediately come to our minds, like Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Daniel. There are some heroes in the pages of God's Word who we really know very little about, but each of them had a quality or achievement which we admire.

Read the Bible text for each lesson. Then use the questions in SEARCH to help you have a better understanding of the lesson. Can you select the outstanding quality of the hero in each lesson?

SEARCH with us to find the answer to, "What Makes a Hero?"



What Makes a Hero?

Theme Thoughts

What makes a hero? Everyone, no matter what his age, seems to have a hero—someone he looks up to and admires. A great deal of a person's behavior can be traced to the figure he or she has chosen as a role model. Are you in a period of transition? Are you facing the challenge of growing as a Christian. These lessons have been structured with the thought of helping you face this challenge head-on by giving you examples of people in the Bible who exemplified characteristics that would be good to pattern after.

We will be studying about heroes found in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, including our greatest Hero—Jesus.

These lessons will cover some of the women in the Bible as well as the men. Elisabeth's faith, Deborah's confidence, the self-denial of the widow of Zarephath, and the perseverance of the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment are wonderful examples of feminine heroes we will be learning about.

The other lessons will cover Zacharias' faith, the obedience of Joseph (Jesus' earthly father), John the Baptist's fearless witnessing, Gideon's example of courage, Caleb's determination to wholly follow the Lord, the persecution of Stephen, Ananias' determination to serve God, and Elisha's willing service.

Our aim is that with the concluding lesson, which summarizes this quarter on choosing the right kind of heroes, you will have learned which character qualities make someone a real hero. We pray that you yourself will want to become a good example for someone else to follow.

Elisabeth and Zacharias

	5. List some other Biblical instances where God did the impossible.
	6. In verse 58, what was the reaction of those around Elisabeth when John was born? Draw a parallel
	between this verse and the reaction among church friends, families, etc. when God works a miracle
	among us. Name specific examples if possible.
	7. What are some things that might seem "impossible" to man?
	8. God works out even the little details in our lives. Describe a situation in your life where God intervened
	for you.
	9. How can recognizing the smaller things that God has done for us help us when the bigger problems
	come along?
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Joseph, the Earthly Father of Jesus

TEXT: Matthew 1:18-25
SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: 1 Samuel 12:15; Isaiah 1:19; Matthew 7:21; John 13:17; Acts 5:29;
Revelation 22:14
KEY VERSE: Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my
doors. — Proverbs 8:34
Obeying a stop sign may save your physical life. Reading and obeying God's Word will save your spiritual
life. No doubt one of the reasons Joseph was selected out of a world of men to become Jesus' earthly
father was that he could recognize and then obey God's command.
1. What Scripture in our text indicates that Joseph was a man of God? Explain.
2. Name one thing that was done which shows that Joseph honored the Law of God. See Luke 2:21-24.
3. The Scriptures record in Matthew 1 and 2 at least three times when Joseph heard God's directions and
then was obedient. Name them.
4. When do you think Joseph understood what Isaiah 7:14 meant?

	5. In verse 20, what, in the natural, might have made it difficult for Joseph to obey the command of the
	angel?
	6. It would have been a different story if Joseph had not obeyed God. Give a situation of your own experi-
	ence when obedience paid off. Now jot down and discuss the possible consequences of disobedience
	concerning the situation you have noted.
	7. Which of the following prevented Moses from entering into the Promised Land? See Numbers 20:8,11.
	(a) speaking to the rock
	(b) not smiting the rock enough times
	(c) smiting the rock
	(d) disobedience
	8. Which of the following saved Noah from the Flood?
	(a) his family
	(b) the ark
	(c) obedience
	(d) all of the preceding
	9. In our daily lives, obedience is of utmost importance. What did Jesus say were the traits of a wise
	man? a foolish man? See Matthew 7:24-27.
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Jesus, the Infinite Son of God

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TEXT: Isaiah 9:6,7; John 1:1-5,14; Hebrews 13:8
KEY VERSE: I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which
was, and which is to come, the Almighty. — Revelation 1:8
In a few days we will be commemorating the birth of Jesus. To the one who really understands what that
means to the world, it is a special time of rejoicing as eternal salvation depends on that wonderful Gift of
God (John 3:16). Our text brings out some other remarkable truths concerning Jesus, in that He existed
prior to His birth (John 1:1-3), and that one day He will establish a Kingdom that will never end. See Isaiah
9:7.
1. The Child spoken of by the Prophet Isaiah in our text was the earthly manifestation of the Second Per-
son of the eternal Trinity, Jesus. How could the prophet know about the birth of this Child over 700 years
before it came to pass? See 2 Peter 1:21.
2. In the first verse of the Gospel of John, to what do you thing "In the beginning" refers? What part did
Jesus actually have in the creation of the universe?
3. Explain in your own words the meaning of John 1:5.
4. When Jesus said, "I am the life," what other attributes did He add to that statement in the following
Scriptures?
John 14:6
John 11:25
John 5:24

	5. In our key verse, the statement is made that the Lord is, was, and is to come. We have explored Bibli-
	cal references to the fact that He was with God at the time of Creation, thus establishing that He was.
	Name some ways that it can be proved that Christ is alive today.
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	6. Having established that Christ is and was, on what can we base our belief that Christ will be in the fu-
	ture? Use Mark 16:19, Revelation 1:4-7, and any other Scriptures you can find to substantiate your an-
	swer.
	7. According to Romans 1:3,4 Jesus Christ "was made of the seed of David according to the flesh," but
	was "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness." What stated truth in
	the verses mentioned gives additional proof of Christ's being eternal?
	8. In our text (John 1:14) we read that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Explain what this
	means to you.
	9. In reading our text we have learned the truths concerning Jesus prior to His birth, and of His presence
	with us today. What promise do we find regarding His coming Kingdom?
	10. In knowing by the authority of God's Word that Jesus Christ was, is, and always will be, how should
	we act or react to this knowledge? See Hebrews 1:10-14 and 2:1-4.
	11. In what ways has the Lord been these things to you?
	(a) Wonderful
	(b) Counsellor
	(c) The mighty God
	(d) The everlasting Father
	(e) The Prince of Peace
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John the Baptist

TEXT: John 1:15-30
SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Proverbs 11:30; Daniel 12:3; James 5:20
KEY VERSE: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every
man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. — 1 Peter 3:15
The time—God's time—had arrived! The Messiah, Jesus, was about to be revealed to the world. People
everywhere were groaning for deliverance from sin and God had now sent His "only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." But all the smallest details fore-
told in God's plan were to be accomplished. Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1 had spoken of a specific person
who was first to come on the scene as the forerunner of Christ. He was John the Baptist.
1. Six months before Mary was told she was to give birth to the Son of God, who announced to Zacharias
the birth of John the Baptist, and what was John's mission in life to be? See Luke 1:13-19.
2. Within this lesson's text, what was the theme of John the Baptist's remarks? Relate this theme to
Isaiah 53:4-7, and tell in your own words what taking away the sin of the world might mean.
3. John the Baptist's chief mission on earth was In other words, he
was to be a of the coming Christ. John even witnessed unselfishly to
and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." See John 1:29 and 36.
4. What are the five questions the priests and Levites from Jerusalem asked John, and what answer did
he give to each?

	5. What did Jesus say about John the Baptist? See Luke 7:28
	6. The word "witness" occurs at least seventeen times in the Gospel of John. Using a dictionary, define
	the word <i>witness</i> . How did this apply to John the Baptist? See John 1:34.
	7. How does witnessing apply to Christians today? See Acts 1:8; 2:32.
	8. What lesson could we learn concerning our witnessing for Christ from the fact that John said he was
	just a "voice"?
	9. Think of several people you know who need a Christian witness. Then pray and purpose to seek the
	guidance and power of the Holy Spirit in witnessing to them and leading them to the Lord.
	Thought Provoker: If you were to be paid \$10,000 for each soul you helped to win for Christ, how much
	harder would you be working at witnessing for Him?
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Deborah

TEXT: Judges 4:4-15
SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Judges 4:1-3,16-24; 5:1-31; Psalm 3:6
KEY VERSE: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the L ORD JEHOVAH is my
strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. — Isaiah 12:2
True confidence in God is based upon following God's Word. False confidence brings defeat, and is
based upon an unwarranted use of sacred things, such as the name "Christian." This actually is the name
given to those who wholeheartedly follow the Lord. Today many suffer defeat and have no victory over sin
because they are Christians in name only. Just because Israel was Israel did not guarantee their victory
over their enemies. They had to wholly follow the Lord in order to have victory, and this is what Deborah
did.
1. What was Deborah's occupation? What did that mean in terms of her civic responsibilities?
2. What characteristics of Deborah made her outstanding? How did the Lord use these characteristics?
3. Which verse shows Deborah was an inspiration to Barak?
4. The opposite of confidence in God is mortal fear. Using 1 John 4:16-18 as a reference, explain how to
rid your heart of fear.
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	5. In Romans 8:35-39 we read of many things that we might face	as we go through life, yet we can be
	more than conquerors through Him who loves us. How many o	f these experiences have you gone
	through? Give an example from your experience.	
	6. There are things that we must do in order to have a victorious	life in Christ, without fear. Using God's
	Word as a guide, finish the following verses:	
	When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh	
		Proverbs 16:7
	Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall	— Psalm 119:165
	Be careful [worried] for nothing;	
	let your requests be made know unto God. And the	of God, which passeth all
		— Philippians 4:6,7
	Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,	:
	because he	— Isaiah 26:3
	7. Listed below are the names of several men and women of the	Bible. How does your experience com-
	pare with theirs?	
	Adam and Eve – temptation	
	Cain – hatred	
	Samuel – answering the call	
	Job – affliction	
	Daniel – purpose	
	Paul – thorn in the flesh	
	8. In this lesson we see God intervening for Israel against anothe	
	liverance. Today we do not wrestle against flesh and blood (Ephe	esians 6:12). What kind of deliverance
	can God give us? See Ephesians 6:13.	
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Gideon

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	TEXT: Judges 6:36-40; 7:1-8
	SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Psalms 23:1-6; 37:1-17
	KEY VERSE: Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he
	it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. — Deuteronomy 31:6
	There are vast armies of religious people in the world today, and all claim to be a part of God's army.
	What a wonderful thing if every professing soldier of Christ were of the stamp of Gideon's band! The sad
	truth remains that the ratio between the true soldier who is willing and ready to venture all that he has for
	the cause of Christ and those who are fearful and afraid, or those who want to take the glory and credit to
	themselves, or those who would rather take their ease than face the enemy, is still the same as it was in
	Gideon's day. One out of a hundred passed the exacting test that God put them through. What a startling
	thought!
	1. How many men were in Gideon's original army? How many returned from Mount Gilead, and for what
	reason?
	2. Why were not all the remaining men allowed to go to the battle? How many men did Gideon eventually
	take with him into the camp of Midian?
	3. What was the final test that brought Gideon's army down to such a small number? What did the test
	signify?
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	4. What lessons can be learned from the fact that God chose so few men to fight the battle?
	4. What lessons can be learned from the fact that God chose so lew men to light the battle:
	5. Define trust. Find a Scripture which uses the word.
	6. Could there be such a thing as trusting "halfway"? Explain your answer.
	7. We probably will not be called upon to take our stand before an angry king, to slay a giant, or be thrown
	into a den of lions. But we will meet circumstances in our daily lives where it will require courage to take a
	stand for Christ. Read Matthew 24:12; James 5:14,15; and 1 Peter 5:8; then write the dangers to a Chris-
	tian from which God promises deliverance.
	8. What are some ways we can increase our courage?
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Caleb

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TEXT: Joshua 14:6-13; Numbers 13:17-33	
SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Numbers 14:24,30,38; 32:12; Hosea 6:3; Matthew 10:22; John 8:31	
KEY VERSE: To him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath	
wholly followed the LORD. — Deuteronomy 1:36	
In 1 Corinthians 10:1-15 the Apostle Paul recounts some of the things that happened to the Israelites be-	
cause of their unbelief, disobedience, murmuring, etc. These things were written as a warning to us that	
we might not be caught in a similar snare of Satan. It is encouraging to read of a man who lived among	
these people, and yet retained his purpose to walk with the Lord! We, too, can be kept by the power of	
God if, like Caleb, we determine to wholly follow the Lord.	
1. Caleb was one of a group of men who had been selected as spies for Israel. Ten of the spies told of a	
good land, but felt that the land would be impossible to take. What did Caleb say? See Numbers 13:30;	
14:6-9.	
2. Whom did the Children of Israel choose to believe? What was the result? See Numbers 14:1-4,33,34.	
3. What promise was made to Caleb and why? See Numbers 14:24.	
4. How old was Caleb when Moses sent him to spy out the land of Canaan and how old was he when he	
came to Joshua to receive his inheritance?	
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	5. What did Caleb have to say of his own physical strength?
	6. What had the ten spies said about the people who lived in the area Caleb desired? See Numbers
	13:33.
	7. Before we come into our inheritance we face many "giants" today. Name some.
	8. We can use Caleb's "secret weapon" against the giants and their fenced cities that we face. What was
	the secret weapon?
	9. Explain the difference between the words holy and wholly.
	10. List some things one must do to wholly follow the Lord. Be specific!
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The Widow of Zarephath

TEXT: 1 Kings 17:8-16	
KEY VERSE: But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that	
he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. — Hebrews 11:6	
At the center of the Christian's experience is that seed of faith whereby he first entered, and now con-	
tinues in the Christian walk. Should a time of testing rob him of that faith, he is a pauper, and will remain	
so until it is regained. But the one who guards his faith as a treasure beyond value will persevere and tri-	
umph in every trial of life.	
1. Describe the situation that the widow of Zarephath was in when the prophet came to her.	
2. While the widow went to fetch water for Elijah, he called to her with another request which elicited a	
pitiful response from the widow. What options did his request leave her?	
3. What parallel can you draw between this woman's decision in how to respond to Elijah's demand and	
the decision facing every sinner who hears God's call?	
4. Verse 15 brings out what very important truth concerning faith?	
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	5. What might the consequences have been had the characters in the following verses not exercised
	faith?
	Genesis 6:13-18
	Jonah 3:4,5
	Matthew 15:22-28
	6. Give an example from your own life that illustrates how faith sustains a person.
	7. Luke 18:8 poses a very piercing question. How does it apply to the world in which we live?
	8. How can we guard against the onslaught of the forces which would destroy or diminish or faith?
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Stephen

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TEXT: Acts 6:1-15; 7:54-60
KEY VERSE: Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of
evil against you falsely, for my sake. — Matthew 5:11
The outpouring of God's Holy Spirit in Jerusalem had stirred the whole city and in just a few months the
new church had grown to the point where the Jewish leaders remarked that these people had "filled
Jerusalem with their doctrine." When God works, Satan seeks to oppose! At issue was the miraculous
resurrection of Jesus Christ: If Jesus had risen, then the Jewish rulers had crucified the Son of God, their
Messiah. They—the religious leaders of their time—were not about to admit to having murdered the Son
of God! Because of this conflict, the Apostles had been imprisoned and warned not to teach or preach in
the Name of Jesus. About this time, Stephen appears on the scene.
1. Give a short analysis of Stephen's character.
2. Why did the Jews of the synagogue of the Libertines, Cyrenians, and Alexandrians charge Stephen
with "blasphemous words" in Acts 6:11,13, and 14?
3. Look back at your characterization of Stephen in question 1, and at the Scriptures in our text which
brought out his attributes. What part did these attributes play in Stephen's ability to withstand persecu-
tion? Could he have withstood without them? Explain your answer.
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	4. Stephen's God-given wisdom did not keep him out of trouble in witnessing for Jesus. When we can
	foresee difficulties or persecution arising from our testimony, what should we do?
	loresee difficulties of persecution arising from our testimony, what should we do:
	5. Why would some think Stephen did not use "wisdom" in his stinging condemnation of his listeners in
	chapter 7, verses 51-53? Is the course he took in this situation always appropriate? Why or why not?
	6. Name several possible reactions to conviction for sin. In our text, how does this relate to persecution?
	7. Paraphrase Matthew 10:39, placing yourself in the verse.
	8. In Matthew 5:11, what are the three words which give us the clue to receiving the blessing of God with
	regard to persecution?
	regard to persecution:
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Woman Who Touched the Hem of His Garment

TEXT: Mark 5:24-34	
SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Luke 18:1-8; Ephesians 6:18; Hebrews 12:1	
KEY VERSE: Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.	
— Galatians 6:9	
The woman mentioned in our lesson exhibited perseverance and determination. The crowd that sur-	
rounded Jesus would have been an obstacle to a well person; how much more to one weakened by ill-	
ness! She did not expect Jesus to lay hands on her, speak to her, or any such thing. She simply believed	
that she would be healed if she could just touch the hem of His garment, and because of her persistence	
she was healed.	
1. What obstacles did the woman face which might have discouraged her perseverance, and what were	
the results of her determination to reach the Lord? What obstacles may appear when we desire some-	
thing from God?	
2. Take special note of Jesus' question to the crowd (verse 30) and His reply to the woman (verse 34).	
How does this incident encourage us?	
3. Four men carried a man who was sick with the palsy to a place where Jesus was speaking. How did	
they demonstrate their perseverance in bringing this man to the Lord? See Mark 2:3,4.	
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	4. How did Jacob show perseverance and what did the angel tell him? See Genesis 32:28.
	5. Jesus told the Jews that believed on Him that they should "continue in my word." Explain what you
	think is meant by this phrase. See John 8:31.
	6. What are some areas in our daily Christian lives where we may need to practice perseverance?
	7. We equate conversion with being "saved." Use Matthew 10:22 to find when we are really saved.
	8. There is a goal—something to be obtained through perseverance. Look up Revelation 3:11. What
	things should we "hold fast" in order to retain our crown?
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Ananias

TEXT: Acts 9:10-19	
SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Acts 26:9-20; Romans 12:1; 2 Timothy 2:21	
KEY VERSE: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the	
work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. — 1 Corinthians 15:58	
The dictionary definition of available tells us that one who is available is one who "can be used." God has	
chosen the instrumentality of man to spread the truth of His Gospel. But it is up to the individual to make	
himself "available" to God—ready to be used by the Lord in whatever capacity or location He deems best.	
1. To be used of God, our spiritual condition must be in order. What was the spiritual condition of	
Ananias? Search through the text for clues as to his character. Then read Acts 22:12 and add that to your	
description.	
2. Look carefully at each of the attributes or characteristics you have discovered about Ananias. Give a	
reason why each would be necessary for a Christian in our day.	
3. God spoke to Ananias through a vision. Tell of some of the other ways God communicated His words	
to those in Biblical times.	
 4. Saul had quite a notorious reputation in Israel among the followers of Christ. Ananias must have felt	
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	some anxiety when God asked him to go and see Saul, yet he did go. Many people worry about what they
	may be asked to do in the Lord's service. Tell of an experience in your own life where you were asked to
	do something for the Lord which you thought was beyond you. How did you feel at that time? How do you
	feel now when you look back on the incident?
	location when you look back on the incluent:
	5. With what words did Isaiah answer God's call (Isaiah 6:8)? Write down a word which describes the at-
	titude of both Isaiah and Ananias.
	6. According to Scripture, what does it take to be great in God's Kingdom? See Matthew 20:26,27.
	7. The key verse lists three specific instructions for the believer. Write down the three, and give a short
	description of what you think the word or phrase means relative to the life of a believer in our day.
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Elisha

TEXT: 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 10:37-42	
SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Exodus 35:29; Isaiah 1:19; 2 Corinthians 8:12	
KEY VERSE: Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor	
knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. — Ecclesiastes 9:10	
In the first portion of our text we see the willingness of Elisha to follow the man of God, Elijah. Elisha	
burned his plow, made a sacrifice of his oxen, said goodbye to the family, and was on his way. Let's take	
a look at how important it is to have a willing and uncomplaining spirit in the service of God.	
1. What did Elijah do when he passed by Elisha? What was the significance of this?	
2. How did Elijah respond when Elisha followed after him? What would the natural human reaction be to	
the response Elijah gave?	
3. Elisha proved his willingness by his actions. What were these actions? What do they tell us about how	
we should respond to God's call for service?	
4. Paraphrase Matthew 10:38-40.	
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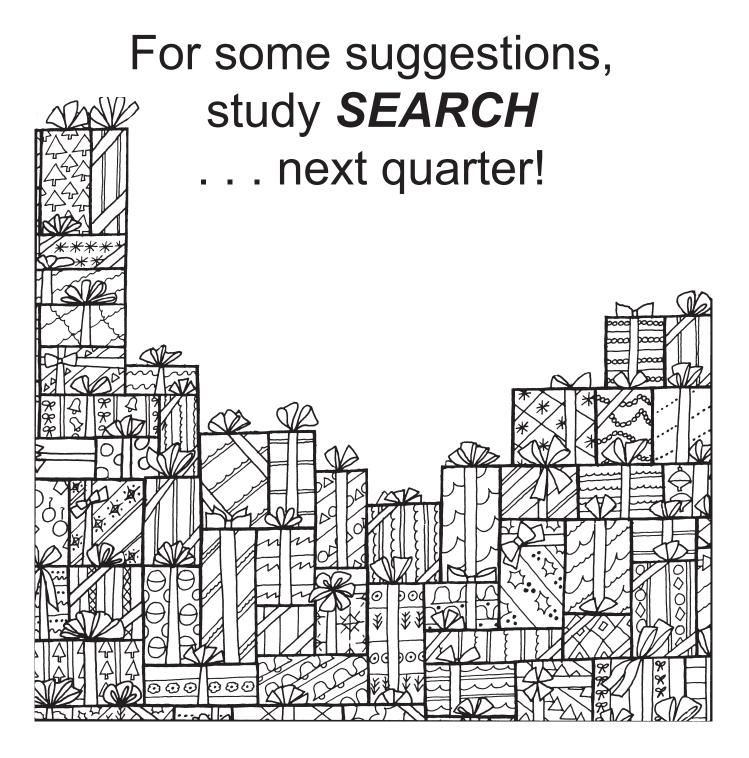
	5. What was Moses willing to give up and what was he willing to do? For what reason? See Hebrews
	11:24-26.
	6. What was Ruth willing to do to serve the Lord? See Ruth 1:15-17.
	7. What do you think is most important in our service to the Lord?
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	8. We not only need to be willing in our service but also uncomplaining in our attitude. The Children of
	Israel often complained in the wilderness. What does it mean to be uncomplaining, and why is it so nec-
	essary?
	9. There are rewards connected with service for the Lord. What does Isaiah 1:19 tell us about this?
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	10. How do our attitudes toward God's service affect those around us? See Colossians 3:23.
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What Makes a Hero?

TEXT: Hebrews 11:32-40; 12:1,2; 1 Peter 2:21
SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: Psalm 1; Philippians 4:9
KEY VERSE: Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in
purity. — 1 Timothy 4:12
As we have studied during the past twelve weeks, we have considered the question: What makes a
hero? The answer to that question depends, to a great extent, on who is asking the question. To a child, a
hero would be someone entirely different from that of an adult. Similarly, a Christian's criterion for
designating a hero is dramatically different from that of a sinner's. A person becomes a hero to someone
else when a certain quality, ability, or attitude is admired so much that it would be imitated by the
admirer.
During this course of study we have seen particular qualities exemplified by the lives of twelve of God's
faithful servants. These people can be considered heroes because all Christians desire the same quali-
ties and attributes that their lives portrayed.
In considering these heroes, we should be challenged to ask ourselves the question: How can I have a
greater measure of these Christian qualities? As we assimilate and grow in Christian graces we will be
better able to do as the Apostle Paul commanded Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an
example of the believers" (1 Timothy 4:12).
1. In six words or less describe the Christian character quality that we admire for each of the following
people:
Elisabeth and Zacharias
Joseph (earthly father of Jesus)
Jesus
John the Baptist
Deborah
Gideon
Caleb

	Widow of Zarephath
	Stephen
	Woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment
	Ananias
	Elisha
	2. Must a person have a well-known name to qualify as a hero?
	3. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews is known as "The roll call of the heroes of faith." Note that verse 36 of
	our text begins with the words, "And others," referring to some heroes who were not even named. What
	one quality was universal among all of these heroes?
	4. Explain the relationship between two phrases found in our text in Hebrews 12:1, " we also are com-
	passed about with so great a cloud of witnesses" and " let us lay aside every weight"
	5. Who is the leading example, both in this quarter's study and throughout the Bible? Explain.
	6. Using Psalm 1 as reference, explain why associating with the ungodly more than is necessary can be
	spiritually dangerous.
	7. What was the most important point you have learned during this quarter?
	8. After studying about several heroes this quarter and looking closely at their lives, read 2 Corinthians
	3:2 and explain the responsibility of every Christian concerning the example they portray.
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