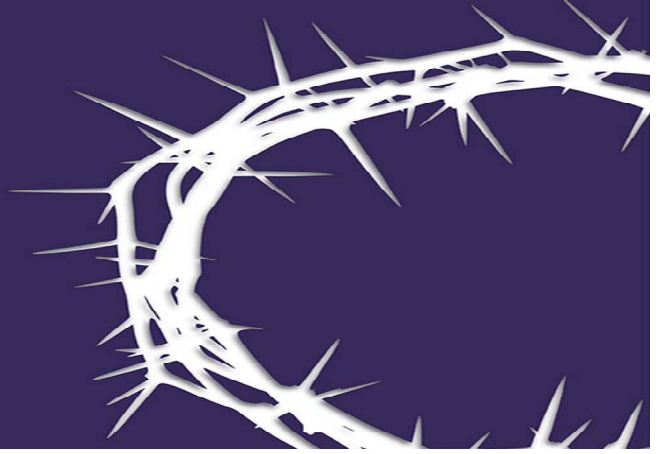


# HEROES DEFY THE ODDS



## GRAB GATHER GROW

3-11-18

**Have, Have-Not, and the Kingdom of God**

**Grab this study, gather a few people, and grow in faith**

### SCRIPTURE

(read over the scripture together)

**Luke 5:36-39**

<sup>36</sup>He also told them a parable: 'No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. <sup>37</sup>And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. <sup>38</sup>But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. <sup>39</sup>And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine.

### OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, Alpha and Omega, the God who was, and is, and is to come, we call upon you to make our presence felt and known among this community of friends. Help us to grow in our knowledge of Jesus during this hour and to see that he came to fulfill the Scriptures and begin a new thing. In Jesus Christ, we are being made a new creation. Change and transform us so that we might become vessels of your love. Amen.

### DISCUSSION (one or two or ...)

After reading over our Luke text above have a discussion about some new things that have fit well into your life. Some old things that have brought you closer to God. Some new things that have not been a blessing in your life. Some old things that have become more of a burden than a blessing.

A heroic moment happens when Steve Rogers, Captain America's alter ego, is training to be a soldier in World War II, his commander tosses a grenade into a group of recruits. Instead of scattering like everyone else, Steve throws himself on the grenade. This is a preview of Captain America's constant willingness to sacrifice himself for the well-being of others. Has anyone ever made sacrifices for you? Discuss. Have you ever made such a sacrifice? Discuss.

Discuss the following quote ... "I became fascinated with bees. I learned all about what they do for me and our ecosystem. So then I thought what if I make something that helps honeybees and uses my Great Granny Helen's recipe? - Mikaia Ulmer (Founder of Me & the Bees Lemonade) What things did you receive from your great or grand parents? What did this gifts of old enable you to do today?

Think of something old that has helped you enter into a covenant relationship with God. Share with each other. How could you pass this on to another generation? Now think about someone in your church or community that thinks differently than you. Share with each other. This week seek out that person and ask them about one thing they do (something new to you) that helps them be in covenant with God. See if you can incorporate this into your life.

## SERVE

Change for Change this Coming Sunday: The Dignity Center. Collect your change or make a special gift for this local Homeless Ministry. Put together a homeless kit. In a zip lock bag put a few emergency items and drop them off to some folks you encounter this week. Don't forget an invitation for them to join us at BUMC for a free Loaves & Fishes meal at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

CEAP is the local food pantry that we support in March being **Minnesota Food Share Month**. Collect and bring in Food Pantry items for CEAP throughout March to church. Expand your gift, set up a Pantry Collection spot at work, or school, or ...and bring the items into the church by the end of March.



**FAITH**  
share read talk pray bless



### AT HOME THIS WEEK

**Share your High and Low of the day; read the daily scripture; talk about it; pray about each others highs and lows, and at the end of the day, bless each other with the blessing below or one of your own.**

**SUNDAY: Luke 5:36-39**

**MONDAY: John 12:28-29**

**TUESDAY: John 1:1**

**WEDNESDAY: Matthew 27:54**

**THURSDAY: Matthew 12:37**

**FRIDAY: John 4:14**

**SATURDAY: Philippians 4:12-13 (3/18/18 Sermon Text)**

**BLESSING: "May you be gentle, humble, and joyful in God's love."**