

Random Acts of Kindness

Heroic

Jesus' heart

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

- Be the church, share God's love

"Again he said, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.'" John 20:21

- Save the world through heroic acts of kindness

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10

Jesus' teaching

- Be the church, share God's love

"... Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end... So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist... I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you... So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:1,4,15,34-35

- Change the world through heroic acts of kindness

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus' teaching (cont.)

- Change the world through heroic acts of kindness

- Heroic courage

"Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others... When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get... Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you... Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be... No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:1-2,4,19-21,24

- Heroic faith

"Jesus saw the huge crowd... he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things... Jesus said, 'You feed them.' 'With what?' they asked. 'How much bread do you have?' he asked. 'Go and find out.'... Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. 'There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?'" Mark 6:34,37-38; John 6:8,9

- Heroic compassion

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'" Matthew 25:34-40

Heroic lifestyle

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