

Faith-Builders Sunday Morning Workout
October 16, 2011
"Chosen"

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Class Goal: to discover that we – like Abraham and Sarah – have been blessed by God to be a blessing to others.

Belong

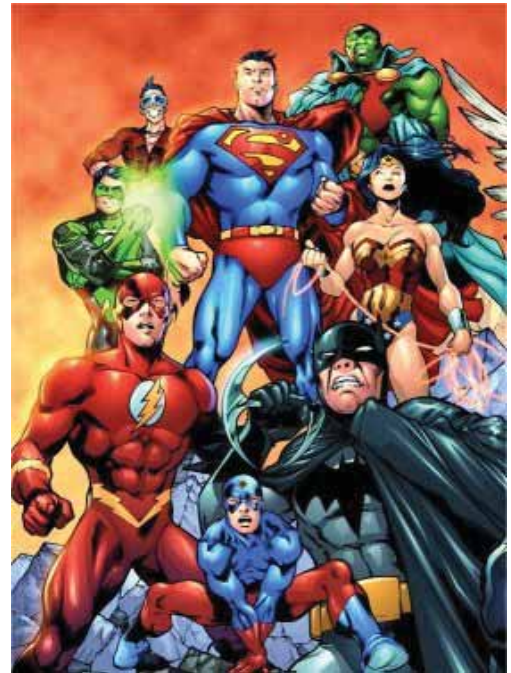
Superheroes

Superheroes are all over TV and all over the toy stores. But who really is a hero? And what is a hero really like? Let's begin by asking:

1. Which so-called "super-hero" do you find most appealing?

But real heroes aren't found in comic books and on the big screen. REAL heroes are people we respect, admire and would somehow like to be like. So take a crack at these questions too:

2. Someone you'd like to be like is:
3. Someone you admire / respect is:
4. What - for you - is the number one characteristic of a person whom you admire / respect?
5. Why do you find that characteristic to be so important?



Believe

A Change of Plans

Think about where we've been so far:

- Genesis 1-2 asked the question of where the world came from, and the answer it offered was _____.
- Genesis 3 asked the question of how God's good world could become bad, and the answer it offered was _____.
- Genesis 4 asked the question of what the worst thing was/is that people can do in this world, and the answer it offered was _____.
- Genesis 6 asked the question of how God felt/feels about people ruining the beauty and harmony of the world, and the answer it offered was _____.
- The story of Noah and the ark and the really big flood (found in Genesis 6-10) was about a top-down solution to the problems caused by _____.

But things are about to change. What is the KEY difference between Genesis 1-11 and the rest of the Bible?

Two Names and One Word

ABRAHAM (first known as Abram) was chosen by God to be the first man to receive God's _____.

SARAH (first known as Sarai) was chosen by God to be the first woman to receive God's _____.

A COVENANT is a promise of _____ between two people or groups. (In the biblical story, the "covenant" is the commitment that is made by God to his chosen people.)



Hit the Road, Abe! (Read Genesis 12:1-5)

1. God asked Sarah and Abraham to _____ to an unknown destination.
2. God asked Abraham and Sarah to _____ Him.
3. Un-jumble the four things that God promises to Abraham and Sarah as a part of this “covenant” are contained in the :

“_____” : the promise of protection and safety.
(C E I R S T U Y)

“_____” : the promise of wealth and riches.
(E I O P P R R S T Y)

“_____ - _____” : the promise of health and happiness.
(B E E G I L L N W)

“_____” : The promise of a good reputation.
(C E E I M N N O P R)

4. God makes this incredible promise to Abraham and Sarah because God _____ about them.
5. God makes this incredible promise to Sarah and Abraham because God has _____ them.
6. God makes this incredible promise to Abraham and Sarah (God “blesses” them) because God wants them to be a _____ to other people.
7. A guy named Peter Drucker once said, “*There are essentially four kinds of risks:*
 - *a risk one must accept,*
 - *a risk one can afford to take,*
 - *a risk cannot afford to take, and*
 - *a risk one cannot afford not to take.*”

Is it a risk to follow God’s call? Which kind of a risk might it be?

Become

Hard Choices

Look at the following list of ten items that you may (or may not) consider important in your life. Begin in column #1 by ranking them from 1 to 10 ... 1 being the most precious, 10 being the least precious. Then (in the other columns) check off which things you would sacrifice for the listed benefit. (Be prepared to talk about and defend your choices!)

	Rank them from 1 (the most important) to 10 (the least important)	Check all of those which you would sacrifice for \$100,000.	Check all of those which you would sacrifice for your earthly life.
my parent(s)			
my reputation			
my brothers/sisters			
my health			
my room			
my freedom			
my mind			
my faith			
my friends			
my good looks			