



Anti-Hero of Faith

Introduction

The people of the Bible weren't heroes to emulate but broken people who trusted God to save them. The greatest Christians in history were not those that God delivered from all pain and misery but those he delivered through pain and misery. Faith starts with honesty before God. But it doesn't stop there.

Pray

Don't forget that if anything significant happens, it's because God moved. Start by asking God to bless this time.

Practice Truth

1. What's the difference between a hero and an anti-hero? Can you give examples?
2. Have you found yourself stuck in a cycle or rut that you wished would stop? What was it?
3. The typical pattern for the Judges who delivered the people was: Sin, Suffering, Sorry, and Salvation. Describe what that pattern means for the book of Judges.
4. An important part of the Samson story is that the people had given up on hope. They weren't even asking to be rescued. When have you felt so helpless that you couldn't even ask for help? How did God respond to the people?
5. Samson "began to open a wedge" between Israel and Philistines, between God's holy people and sin. Who carried that beginning to end?
6. Compare and contrast how Samson was a deliverer similar to and different from Jesus.

Do Life Together

Dirk shared the line, "Before God saves you, he will first separate you." What does that mean to you? Where have you seen God separate you from sin, toxic people, or bad habits?