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The Heroes Of The Faith: A Tale of Four Sons

1 Corinthians 15:45-58

Main Idea: Scripture reveals that where man has failed, Jesus Christ did not. This reality brings hope and victory through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Introduction

What is a hero? - **Habakkuk 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

“A hero is any man, woman, or child who lives by faith in Christ alone, leveraging their lives to accomplish the work God gave them to do.”

Adam, The Covenant Son

- Adam, the first living, natural son - **vv. 45-47; Genesis 2:7**
- Adams' life was worship in a Garden-like temple - **Genesis 2:15**
- Adam failed and broke the covenant - **Romans 5:12,14**
- The point, problem, and only hope - **Genesis 3:15**

Israel, The National Son

- Israel, a national son called to trust and obey - **Exodus 4:22-23**
- Abraham, another man, and another covenant
 - A seed, a land, a blessing

“The OT’s narratives refuse to hide the weaknesses, failings, sins and foibles of its human characters because their character and example is not the focal point. In fact, their weaknesses point to the remarkable fact that the Lord chooses to use them anyway.”

- Moses, another man, and another covenant
- The tabernacle of presence

Solomon, The Royal Son

- God’s presence is both separated and close
- David, another man, and another covenant
- Solomon, a royal King from the tribe of Judah
- Is all lost?

Jesus, The Better Son

- Jesus is the Better Adam - **1 Corinthians 15:45-48; Col. 1:15; Romans 5:17-19**
- Jesus' perfect obedience - **Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15-16**
 - Jesus' obedience was active and passive - **Phil. 2:5-8; 2 Cor. 5:21**
- Jesus' new, better, and forever covenant of grace - **Philippians 2:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22, 50-58**

So What?

- Where are you in God's story?
 - Will you take your place among the heroes of the faithful?
 - **Galatians 2:17-21**
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Now What? (Growth Group Discussion)

*** Leader's Notes

- Discuss the story of Joseph and how he ended up a ruler in Egypt. How does Joseph's life point to Jesus? How does it connect to our lives?
 - Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, sold for pieces of silver, and unjustly condemned—yet he remained faithful.
 - In this he foreshadows Christ, the perfectly righteous One, betrayed for thirty pieces of silver (Matt 26:15) and condemned though innocent (1 Pet 2:22–23).
 - Joseph was raised from the pit to the palace, exalted to Pharaoh's right hand to rule and bring life through provision. This typifies **Christ's exaltation after humiliation**—from the grave to the throne at the Father's right hand.
 - Joseph dispensed bread to the world during famine; Christ gives Himself as the **Bread of Life** (John 6:35). Both brought salvation by divine providence; one physical, another spiritual.
 - Joseph forgave and reconciled his brothers, transforming treachery into fellowship. Likewise, Christ reconciles sinners to God and to one another by His blood. Joseph's weeping and mercy display God's covenant heart revealed ultimately in Christ's forgiving grace. (Ephesians 2:13–16)
 - Through Joseph, God preserved Israel's line, ensuring the coming of the promised Seed (Gal 3:16). Joseph's role sustains the redemptive story leading to Christ. As Joseph saved a remnant physically, Jesus saves His people eternally (Matt 1:21).

- Read **Genesis 45:7-8**. How did God use Joseph to fulfill His promises to Abraham? (**Genesis 12:1-3**)
- Read **Genesis 50:15-21**. How did Joseph's theology and faith inform how he treated his brothers?
- How do our lives connect to God's big story of redemption? (**Hebrews 10:19-25, 35-39; 11:1-3, 6**)