WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH

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One Nation, Under God

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness . . . And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."
— The Declaration of Independence, signed July 4, 1776 in Philadelphia

Hebrews 11:32-33 (NIV®)
I could go on and on, but I've run out of time. There are so many more—Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, the prophets — [33]Through acts of faith, they toppled kingdoms, made justice work, **took the promises for themselves**.

Ephesians 3:20 (Msg®)
God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

I. "Hero-isms"

A. Heroes have unique abilities that separate them from the rest of us.

B. Heroes are never weighed down by the mundane problems of life.

C. Heroes always have a clear sense of good & evil.

D. Heroes always want to do the right thing.

E. Heroes have heroic lives.

II. Hope for the Anti-Hero

A. Heroes have unique abilities that separate them from the rest of us.

Philip. 4:13 (Msg®)
Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am.

B. Heroes are never weighed down by the mundane problems of life.

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV®)
Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

C. Heroes always have a clear sense of good & evil.

Hebrews 5:14 (NIV®)
But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

D. Heroes always want to do the right thing.

Galatians 6:9 (NIV®)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

E. Heroes have heroic lives.

Psalm 34:19 (NIV®)

A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;

III. Heroes Really Are Larger Than Life!

Rev. 21:6-7 (NIV®)

6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

1 John 4:4 (NIV®)

. . . the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

IV. How Do I Live Out My Faith?

A. 2 Requirements: Intentionality & Courage

B. Implementation Plan:

1. Personal Choice — **keyword: obedience**

Romans 10:9 (NIV®)

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;

Titus 2:11–12 (NIV®)

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

2. Family — **keyword: leadership**

3. Spheres of Influence — **keyword: passion**

Prayer

Heavenly Father, show us Your way that we may walk uprightly before You. Deliver us from deception and give us a love for the truth. Awaken us from our slumber that we may worship You. Do not let us fall prey to our enemies. In Your grace and mercy look upon us and bring deliverance. Once again may the name of Jesus be exalted in our hearts, our homes, and our land. You are our hope and our Redeemer, in You we put our trust. Amen.

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