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Highland Colony Men's Roundtable

Heroes – The Heart of a Hero!

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A Man understands that heart is the issue

Bible Verses: Ezekiel 19:11 [ESV]; II Samuel 22:29-31; Proverbs 27:17; Matthew 13:34,35; John 1:1,14; Psalm 18:29

Video: Howard G. Hendricks Memorial Service - Howard G. Hendricks
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31lvfHipr_0

Music: Randy Travis - Heroes And Friends

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUCBQeKOJv8>

Resources: *Heroes Wanted – Why the World Needs You to Live Your Heart Out* - Rodney D. Bullard; (2) *Reflections on the Life of David - Leap Over a Wall* - Earthy Spirituality for Everyday Christians – by Eugene Peterson (3) *The Sacred Romance – Closer to the Heart of God* by John Eldredge

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Bible Verses – The Message

Ezekiel 19:11 [ESV] – ¹¹ Its strong stems became rulers' scepters; it towered aloft among the thick boughs; it was seen in its height with the mass of its branches.

II Samuel 22:29-31 – ²⁹ Suddenly, God, your light floods my path, God drives out the darkness. ³⁰ I smash the bands of marauders, I vault the high fences. ³¹ What a God! His road stretches straight and smooth. Every God-direction is road-tested. Everyone who runs toward him Makes it.

Proverbs 27:17 – ¹⁷ You use steel to sharpen steel, and one friend sharpens another.

Matthew 13:34,35 – ³⁴ All Jesus did that day was tell stories - a long storytelling afternoon. ³⁵ His storytelling fulfilled the prophecy: I will open my mouth and tell stories; I will bring out into the open things hidden since the world's first day.

John 1:1,14 – ¹ The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word. The Word was God, ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

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"Heroes And Friends"**By Randy Travis**

I ain't lived forever, but I've lived enough
I've learned to be gentle, and I've learned to be tough
I've found only two things that last 'til the end,
One is your heroes, the other's your friends

[Chorus:]

Your heroes will help you find good in yourself
Your friends won't forsake you for somebody else

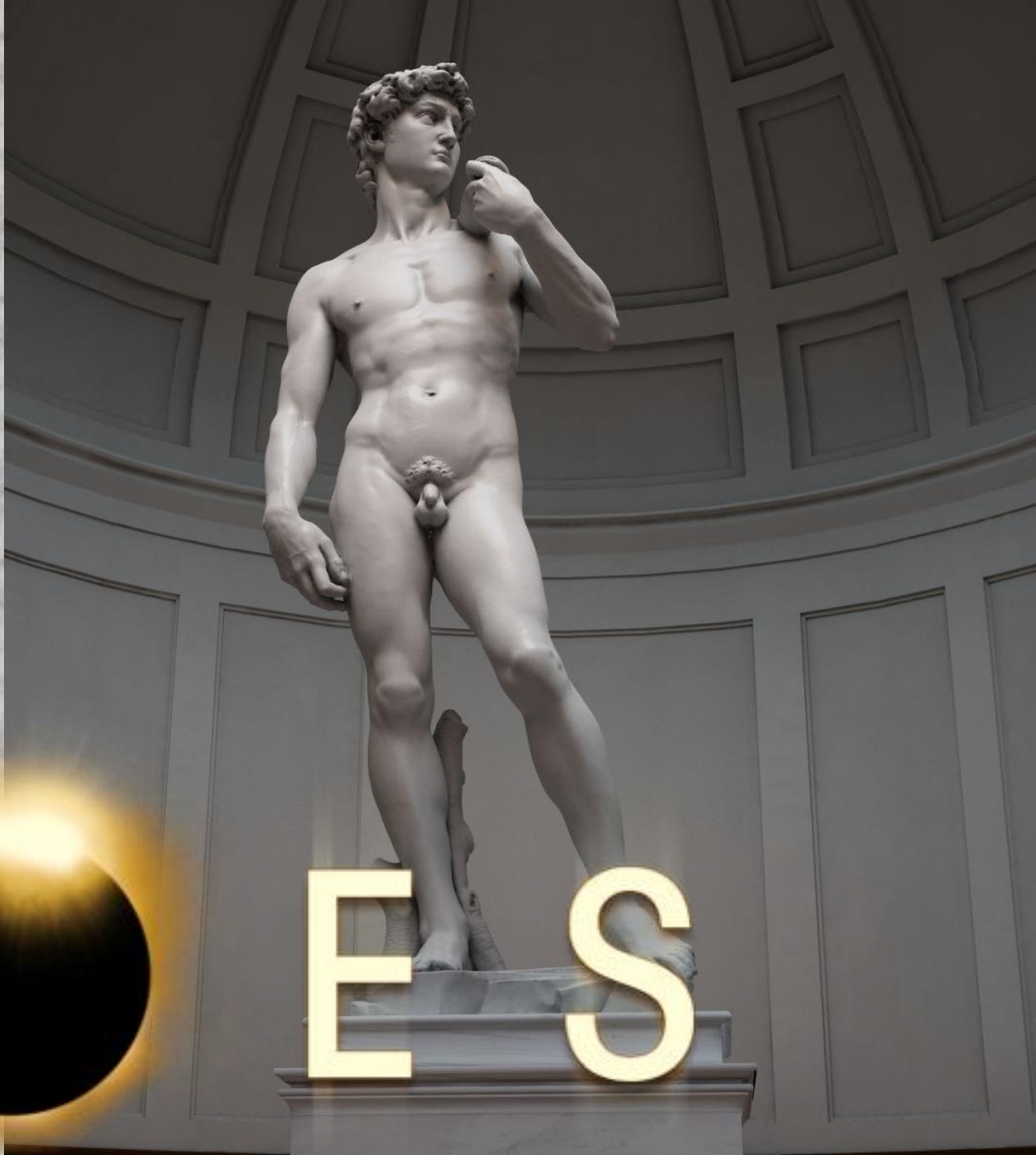
They'll both stand beside you through thick and through thin
That's how it goes with heroes and friends

I grew up with cowboys I watched on TV
My friends and I sometimes pretended to be
Years have gone by, but now and again
My heart rides the range with my heroes and friends

*[Repeat chorus]***Philip K. Hardin, M.A., M.Div.**

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