



HEROES! – Be Like That!

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Highland Colony Men's Roundtable

Confidence – A Heart of Hope!

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A Man understands a hero will live with confidence that his hope is in God.

Bible Verses: I Samuel 16:7 (ESV); Romans 5:1-5; Ephesians 1:13-19; Jeremiah 17:7; II Samuel 5; Matthew 5:48

Music: Alan Jackson - Drive (For Daddy Gene)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQe3DKDQRRS>

Resources: (1) *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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Heroes – Be Like That - Confidence!

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Bible Verses – The Message

I Samuel 16:7 (ESV) - ⁷ But God told Samuel, "Looks aren't everything. Don't be impressed with his looks and stature. I've already eliminated him. God judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; God looks into the heart."

Romans 5:1-5 - ¹ By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us - set us right with him, make us fit for him - we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. ² And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand - out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise. ³ There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, ⁴ and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. ⁵ In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary - we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

Ephesians 1:13-19 - ¹³ It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free - signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁴ This signet from God is the first installment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life. ¹⁵ That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the Christians, ¹⁶ I couldn't stop thanking God for you - every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. ¹⁷ But I do more than thank. I ask - ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory - to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, ¹⁸ your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for Christians, ¹⁹ oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him - endless energy, boundless strength!

Jeremiah 17:7 - ⁷ "But blessed is the man who trusts me, God, the woman who sticks with God.

II Samuel 5 - ¹ Before long all the tribes of Israel approached David in Hebron and said, "Look at us - your own flesh and blood!" ² In time past when Saul was our king, you're the one who really ran the country. Even then God said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel and you'll be the prince.'" ³ All the leaders of Israel met with King David at Hebron, and the king made a treaty with them in the presence of God. And so they anointed

David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he became king, and ruled for forty years. ⁵ In Hebron he ruled Judah for seven and a half years. In Jerusalem he ruled all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years. ⁶ David and his men immediately set out for Jerusalem to take on the Jebusites, who lived in that country. But they said, "You might as well go home! Even the blind and the lame could keep you out. You can't get in here!" They had convinced themselves that David couldn't break through. ⁷ But David went right ahead and captured the fortress of Zion, known ever since as the City of David. ⁸ That day David said, "To get the best of these Jebusites, one must target the water system, not to mention this so-called lame and blind bunch that David hates." (In fact, he was so sick and tired of it, people coined the expression, "No lame and blind allowed in the palace.") ⁹ David made the fortress city his home and named it "City of David." He developed the city from the outside terraces inward. ¹⁰ David proceeded with a longer stride, a larger embrace since the God-of-the-Angel-Armies was with him. ¹¹ It was at this time that Hiram, king of Tyre, sent messengers to David, along with timbers of cedar. He also sent carpenters and masons to build a house for David. ¹² David took this as a sign that God had confirmed him as king of Israel, giving his kingship world prominence for the sake of Israel, his people. ¹³ David took on more concubines and wives from Jerusalem after he left Hebron. And more sons and daughters were born to him. ¹⁴ These are the names of those born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, ¹⁵ Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, ¹⁶ Elishama, Eliada, Eliphelet. ¹⁷ When the Philistines got word that David had been made king over all Israel, they came on the hunt for him. David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. ¹⁸ When the Philistines arrived, they deployed their forces in Rephaim Valley. ¹⁹ Then David prayed to God: "Shall I go up and fight the Philistines? Will you help me beat them?" ²⁰ "Go up," God replied. "Count on me. I'll help you beat them." ²¹ The retreating Philistines dumped their idols, and David and his soldiers took them away. ²² Later there was a repeat performance. The Philistines came up again and deployed their troops in the Rephaim Valley. ²³ David again prayed to God. ²⁴ When you hear the sound of shuffling in the trees, get ready to move out. It's a signal that God is going ahead of you to smash the Philistine camp." ²⁵ David did exactly what God told him. He routed the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.

Matthew 5:48 - ⁴⁸ "In a word, what I'm saying is, Grow up. You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.

"Drive (For Daddy Gene)"

Alan Jackson

<p>It was painted red the stripe was white It was 18 feet from the bow to stern light Secondhand from a dealer in Atlanta I rode up with daddy when he went there to get her We put on a shine, put on a motor Built out of love, and made for the water Ran her for years, til' the transom got rotten A piece of my childhood will never be forgotten It was just an old plywood boat With a 75 Johnson with electric choke A young boy two hands on the wheel I can't replace the way it made me feel And I would turn her sharp And I would make it whine He'd say, "You can't beat the way a old wood boat rides"</p> <p>Just a little lake cross the Alabama line But I was king of the ocean When Daddy let me drive Just an old half ton short bed ford My Uncle bought new in 64 Daddy got it right cause the engine was</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">smoking</p> <p>A couple of burnt valves and he had it going He'd let me drive her when we haul off a load Down a dirt strip where we'd dump trash off of Thigpen Road I'd sit up in the seat and stretch my feet out to the pedals Smiling like a hero who just received his medal It was just an old hand me down ford With 3 speed on the column and a dent in the door A young boy two hands on the wheel I can't replace the way it made me feel and I would press that clutch And I would keep it right He would say a little slower son Your doing just fine</p> <p>Just a dirt road with trash on each side But I was Mario Andretti When Daddy let me drive I'm grown up now 3 daughters of my own I let them drive my old jeep</p>	<p>Across the pasture at our home Maybe one day they'll reach back in their file And pull out that old memory And think of me and smile And say It was just an old worn out jeep Rusty old floor boards Hot on my feet A young girl two hands on the wheel I can't replace the way it made me feel And he'd say Turn it left, and steer it right Straighten up girl now, you're doing just fine Just a little valley by the river where we'd ride</p> <p>But I was high on a mountain When Daddy let me drive Daddy let me drive Oh he let me drive It's just an old plywood boat With a 75 Johnson And electric choke</p>
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- Gerald May, ***The Awakened Heart***

Peace with God Through Faith

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith^[b] into this grace in which we stand, and we^[c] rejoice^[d] in hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

- Paul's Letter to the Romans
Chapter 5, verses 1 through 5
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