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*Heroes in Defeat*

The Bounce Back – Part 6

II Samuel 17: 27-29

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**Q**. What makes someone a hero?

**Two Ways Heroes Display God’s Love:**

1. **Gives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (II Samuel 17:27-29)**

II Samuel 17:27-29 *When David came to Mahanaim, Shobi the son of*

*Nahash from Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim, 28 brought beds, basins, and earthen vessels, wheat, barley, flour, parched grain, beans and lentils, 29 honey and curds and sheep and cheese from the herd, for David and the people with him to eat, for they said, “The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness.”*

1. **Shows \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (II Samuel 19:31-39)**

II Samuel 17:31-39 *Barzillai the Gileadite also came down from Rogelim to cross the Jordan with the king and to send him on his way from there.****32****Now Barzillai was very old, eighty years of age. He had provided for the king during his stay in Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy man.****33****The king said to Barzillai, “Cross over with me and stay with me in Jerusalem, and I will provide for you.”****34****But Barzillai answered the king, “How many more years will I live, that I should go up to Jerusalem with the king?****35****I am now eighty years old. Can I tell the difference between what is enjoyable and what is not? Can your servant taste what he eats and drinks? Can I still hear the voices of male and female singers? Why should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king?****36****Your servant will cross over the Jordan with the king for a short distance, but why should the king reward me in this way?****37****Let your servant return, that I may die in my own town near the tomb of my father and mother. But here is your servant Kimham. Let him cross over with my lord the king. Do for him whatever you wish.”* ***38****The king said, “Kimham shall cross over with me, and I will do for him whatever you wish. And anything you desire from me I will do for you.”* ***39****So all the people crossed the Jordan, and then the king crossed over. The king kissed Barzillai and bid him farewell, and Barzillai returned to his home.*

**Two Reminders When You Bounce Back:**

1. **Be\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (I Kings 2:1-4)**

I Kings 2:1-4 *When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.2 “I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, act like a man, 3 and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go 4 and that the Lord may keep his promise to me: ‘If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of* Israel.’

1. **Remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (I Kings 2:5-7)**

I Kings 2:5-7  **“***Now you yourself know what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me—what he did to the two commanders of Israel’s armies, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether. He killed them, shedding their blood in peacetime as if in battle, and with that blood he stained the belt around his waist and the sandals on his feet. 6 Deal with him according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace. 7 “But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead and let them be among those who eat at your table. They stood by me when I fled from your brother Absalom.*

**Point:**

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on! 

1. What are some ways you see God’s love displayed through heroism?
2. Who was a hero to you when you were in a difficult or challenging time? What did they do that impacted you the most? Do they know they were a hero for you?
3. Can you think of at least one person who you can be a hero to today? Who and Why so?
4. Is your leadership self-serving or God-serving?
5. What does it look like for Christians to be a hero for others now during social distancing?