

# Unique Heroes

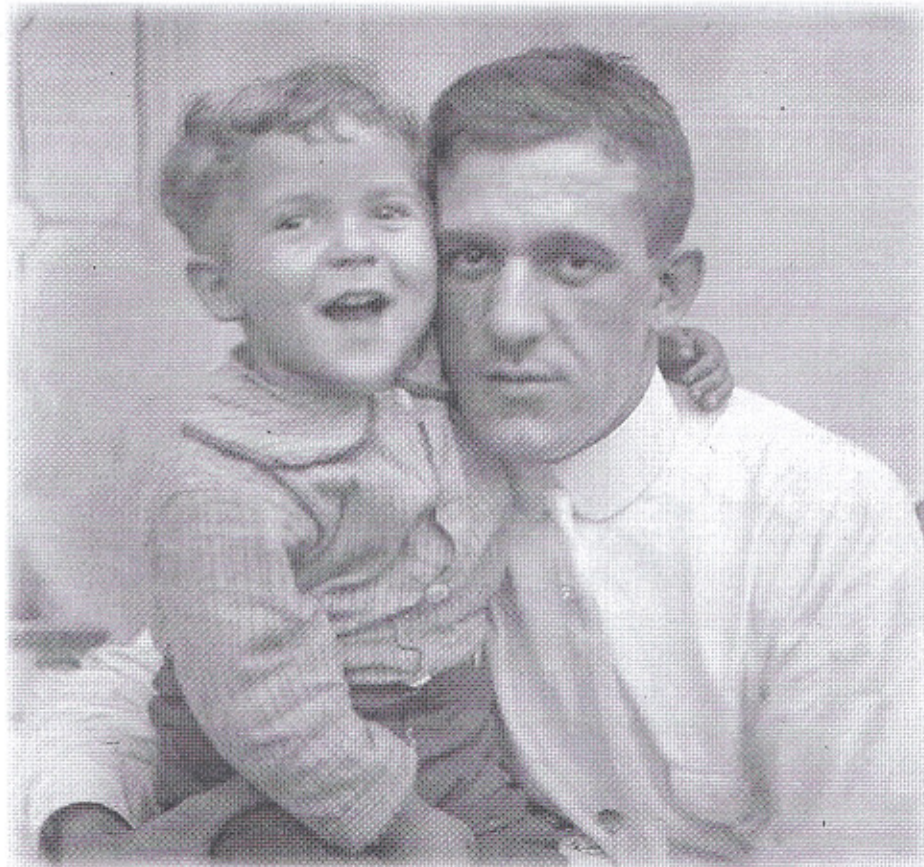
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When I think of heroes, I often remember a classic line from the movie *Cloak and Dagger*. In the movie a little boy named Davey has an imaginary hero who helps him cope with the loneliness he experiences after the death of his mother. His fantasies bring adventure to his life, but Davey's father wants him to grow up and put away childish things. His father explains to him: "Heroes don't just shoot bad guys. They put supper on the table. They fix bicycles. They do boring things. Real things; not make believe."

When secret spy documents fall into Davey's hands, villains are chasing him and real bullets are being fired at him. Suddenly Davey is in need of a real hero to help him. His father comes through and saves the day. Davey's make-believe hero disappears, because he does not need him any more. It is a great movie with a serious message tucked away in that brief remark by Davey's father.

In the Bible we read about good heroes (Heb. 11) and bad heroes (Isa. 5:22). When we search for good, unique heroes in today's world, we do not have to look to great military or political leaders to find them, although there are many of them there. We do not have to search among firefighters from 9-11 or martyrs among the saints, although they are found there also. If we look close to home, we will find many heroes right among us.

Here are a few whom I would consider to be real heroes in today's world:



1. The mother who stays up late at night taking care of a sick child.
2. The father who works hard at his job in order to provide food and shelter for his family.
3. The schoolteacher who cares for her students and works hard to prepare them for a career in life.
4. The air conditioning or heating repair man, the plumber, or the electrician who does his best to do a proper repair so that a family will have a safe, comfortable home in which to live.
5. Bible class teachers who work hard on lesson preparation, because they know that God's word is the most important thing in the world to teach.
6. Those who take care of the widows, the elderly, and the orphans, because that is a pure form of religion (Jas. 1:27).
7. Those who take food to the sick or visit them in the hospital.
8. And last, but certainly not least, those who share the gospel with another person, because they want everyone to go to heaven.

Many more examples could be listed, but you get the idea. Next Sunday as you are sitting in the assembly of the saints, look around the room. You will find that you are surrounded by a unique group of unsung heroes.