

11/18/2018

## Unlikely Heros

(<https://www.harvest.org/devotions-and-blogs/daily-devotions/2018-11-17>)

*Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.—Hebrews 11:2*

Have you ever looked into a magnifying mirror? It's disturbing when you see everything up close. It isn't a bad thing to see your flaws, your shortcomings, and your sins. Just don't allow yourself to be identified by them.

The Bible says that "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV). In what is called the Heroes' Hall of Faith, Hebrews 11 presents us with an amazing collection of characters. Some of those who made it in are expected, but then there are some surprising entries as well, like Jacob.

If we were honest about Jacob, we'd have to admit that this guy was a rascal, big time. This reminds us that Hebrews 11 is filled with ordinary people like us. They were world changers, and we, too, can be world changers.

They discovered the secret of staying on top is not talent. It is not opportunities or status. It is faith in God. These people were far from perfect. They failed often. But they are not in the Heroes' Hall of Faith because they were great people. They are in it because they had faith in a great God.

Here's what I find fascinating. You won't find a single mention of any of their sins in this passage. And they did sin. However, not one word of their failure is mentioned. Why? Because they were forgiven, and God gives second chances. They were looked at for what they became, not what they were.

In the same way, when God looks at you He sees a work in progress. But He doesn't just see you for what you are in the moment; He sees you for what you can become.

## News and Notes

- The monthly soup kitchen will be Friday, November 30, at 5:30 here at the building. Volunteer opportunities are available.
- Our annual Christmas part will be December 15. Keep watching for more details.
- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email [prayer@scottsbuffchurchofchrist.org](mailto:prayer@scottsbuffchurchofchrist.org).

## Birthdays

Shannon Griffitts 11/06      Jeremy Sanderson 11/14

If your birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

## Those Serving

### 11/18/2018

Opening Prayer	Shane	Table: West	Shane
Song Leader	Tom	Center	Gary
Scripture Reader	Jay	East	Jay
Closing Prayer	Jonathan	Preacher:	Pre-Recorded
Devotion:	Shane	Song Leader:	Jay

### Announcements: Tom

### 11/25/2018

Opening Prayer	Jay	Table: West	Jay
Song Leader	Chris	Center	Shane
Scripture Reader	Jonathan	East	Gary
Closing Prayer	Gary	Preacher:	Tom
Devotion:	Jay	Song Leader:	Tom

### Announcements: Chris