Be a Heroic Leader



Think of some of the truly heroic leaders in history such as George Washington, Captain Moroni, Helaman, Joan of Arc, Joseph Smith, King Benjamin, Enoch, Brigham Young, Harriet Tubman and Moses. There is something memorable about these people, they were not just placed in a position of leadership, but they also lead in a way that glorified God!

You are Called to Be a Leader

As a Warrior for Christ, you are called to lead others to Him.

D&C 4:2-3

Therefore, O <u>ye that embark in the service of God</u>, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day. Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God <u>ye are called to the work</u>;

Be Heroic

What makes a leader heroic?

Jarom 1:7

And it came to pass that they came many times against us, the Nephites, to battle. But our kings and <u>our leaders were mighty men in the faith of the Lord;</u> and they taught the people the ways of the Lord; wherefore, we withstood the Lamanites and swept them away out of our lands, and began to fortify our cities, or whatsoever place of our inheritance.

Heroic: bold; daring; brave; intrepid; magnanimous; enterprising; illustrious for valor.

Proverbs 28:1

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

1 Chronicles 19:13

Be of good courage, and <u>let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people</u>, and for the cities of our God: and let the Lord do that which is good in his sight.

Jesus is a Heroic Leader

Jesus is your High Commander, the leader of all Warriors for Christ. Think of the example that He has set, He is truly heroic in every way.

Romans 5:6-8

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even <u>dare to die</u>. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, <u>while we were yet sinners</u>, <u>Christ died for us</u>.

Isaiah 42:16

And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; <u>I will lead them</u> in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. <u>These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them</u>.

Jesus Teaches Servant Leadership



The best leaders are servant leaders.

Matthew 20:25-28

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Jesus Himself was a servant leader, and He instructs you to do the same.

Mosiah 2:17

And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.

Be Lead by God

The best leaders are those who recognize the great value of God's leadership and are willing to follow His lead.

Psalm 28:3

He restoreth my soul: <u>he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness</u> for his name's sake.

When you are lead by God, then your leadership will glorify Him.

3 Nephi 12:16

Therefore let your light so shine before this people, that <u>they may see</u> your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Everyday Warrior Journey Leaders

In the Everyday Warrior Journey, all youth participants are Youth Leaders. In addition, all those who are in Royal House are Everyday Leaders, Master Knights and Princesses are Journey Leaders and Vanguard Commanders are Victory Leaders.

To be a heroic leader in your Everyday Warrior Journey, follow the principles which are outlined here according to roles.



Youth Leaders

Learn

To understand what the Everyday Warrior Journey is about, study what it means to be a Warrior for Christ. Learn about each piece of the Armor of God, each part of the Hero's Creed and also what the EWJ theme for the year is about. Read the articles found on the EWJ page of heroicyouth.org, they are a great resource for learning about each of these things.

Do

Have your own experiences putting on the Armor of God, living the Hero's Creed and incorporating this year's theme, then write about them in your journal.

Share

Help to inspire others by sharing your Victories with your family, friends, Noble House and other Warriors for Christ. You can share Victories during House meetings, in your House chat and on the reporting link with a video or photo and description. Victories shared on the link may then appear in the Everyday Warrior Journey weekly emails.

Exemplify

Engaging in the Everyday Warrior Journey will prepare you to lead the Knights or Handmaidens in your Camp or Kingdom. You will be able to exemplify what being a Warrior for Christ is because putting on the Armor of God and living the Hero's Creed will make you a truly heroic leader.

Royal House Everyday Leaders

Learn

To understand what the Everyday Warrior Journey is about, study what it means to be a Warrior for Christ and learn about each piece of the Armor of God, each part of the Hero's Creed and also what the EWJ theme for the year is about. Be sure that you fully understand all of the details of the Everyday Warrior Journey as found on the EWJ page of heroicyouth.org so that you will be able to help those you lead with their Journey. Read each of the articles there also, they are a great resource for learning about all of these things!

Do

Seek to have your own experiences with putting on the Armor of God, living the Hero's Creed and incorporating this year's theme then write about them in your journal.

Share

Set the example for all the other Youth Leaders, on how to find ways to put on the Armor of God, Live the Hero's Creed and incorporate this year's theme by sharing your experiences as Victories in your Royal House chat or on the reporting link including a video or photo with description. These may be included in the EWJ weekly emails to inspire others.

Encourage

You can encourage those who are in the role that you have stewardship over by talking with them about being a Warrior for Christ and having Victories over the enemy in daily life. Encourage them to fulfill their commitment to engage in the Everyday Warrior Journey by studying what it means to be a Warrior for Christ, learning about each piece of the Armor of God, each part of the Hero's Creed and also what the EWJ theme for the year is about. Encourage them to read the Information and articles found on the EWJ page to learn and do also, so that they will become heroic leaders for those that they lead.

Master Knight and Princess Journey Leaders

Learn

To understand what the Everyday Warrior Journey is about, study what it means to be a Warrior for Christ. Learn about each piece of the Armor of God, each part of the Hero's Creed and also what the EWJ theme for the year is about. Be sure that you understand the details of the Everyday Warrior Journey as well so that you will be able to help those you have stewardship to lead. Read the details and articles found on the EWJ page of heroicyouth.org, they are a great resource for learning about all of these things.

Do

Seek to have your own experiences with putting on the Armor of God, living the Hero's Creed and incorporating this year's theme, then write about them in your journal.

Share

Set the example for others in your House, on how to find ways to put on the Armor of God, Live the Hero's Creed and embody the theme for this year by sharing your experiences as Victories during House meetings and in your House chat. You can also share a Victory weekly on the reporting link including a video or photo with description.

Encourage

You are responsible to help those under your stewardship to engage in the Everyday Warrior Journey. Be sure that they understand how the Journey works and encourage them to read the details and articles found on the EWJ page of heroicyouth.org where they can learn about each piece of the Armor of God and each part of the Hero's Creed as well as the theme for the year. Be sure that they each get their Journal and understand how to make a weekly report. Then continue to encourage them to be using their journal, sending weekly reports and sharing their Victories with your House and on the reporting link, and finally, to turn in a Journey Report after Summit is over.

Respond

The weekly reports of those whom you lead will be found on the reporting link under Stewardship. You should respond to each report with praise and encouragement. This is a great opportunity for you to get to know those you lead personally.

Delegate

You are responsible to oversee the engagement in the Everyday Warrior Journey for all those in your Camp or Kingdom in general, but you should delegate the responsibilities of Victory sharing to your Vanguard Commander. They can be the one to lead Victory sharing in house meetings and encourage the sharing of Victories in your House chat. They can also encourage the sharing of Victories that include a video or a photo with a description on the reporting link so that they may be included in the EWJ weekly emails to inspire others. Continue to support and follow up with them in fulfilling this stewardship throughout the Journey.

Vanguard Commander Victory Leaders

Learn

To understand what makes a Victory, study what it means to be a Warrior for Christ. Learn about each piece of the Armor of God, each part of the Hero's Creed and also what the EWJ theme for the year is about. Read the articles found on the EWJ page of heroicyouth.org, they are a great resource for learning about each of these things.

Do

Seek to have your own experiences with putting on the Armor of God, living the Hero's Creed and incorporating this year's theme, then write about them in your journal.

Share

Set the example for others in your House on how to find ways to put on the Armor of God and Live the Hero's Creed by sharing your experiences as Victories during House meetings, in your House chat and on the reporting link including a video or photo with description.

Encourage

Show enthusiasm about your Victories and invite others to share as well. Encourage those in your House to engage in the Everyday Warrior Journey and to share their Victories during House meetings, in your House chat, and on the reporting link.

Leadership Principles

These are true principles that are taught in the scriptures, which can help you to fill your role as a leader. It is fantastic that there are so many real life examples of heroic leadership!

Learn

D&C 11:21

Seek not to declare my word, but first <u>seek to obtain my word</u>, and <u>then shall your tongue be loosed</u>; then, if you desire, you shall have my Spirit and my word, yea, the power of God <u>unto the convincing of men.</u>

Do

James 1:22-24

But <u>be ye doers of the word</u>, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Share

Alma 29:13

Yea, and that same God did establish his church among them; yea, and that same God hath called me by a holy calling, to preach the word unto this people, and <u>hath given me much success</u>, in the which my joy is full.

Encourage

D&C 128:22

Brethren, shall we not go on in so great a cause? Go forward and not backward. Courage, brethren; and on, on to the victory! Let your hearts rejoice, and be exceedingly glad. Let the earth break forth into singing. Let the dead speak forth anthems of eternal praise to the King Immanuel, who hath ordained, before the world was, that which would enable us to redeem them out of their prison; for the prisoners shall go free.

Respond

Alma 29:14-16

But I do not joy in my own success alone, but my joy is more full because of the success of my brethren, who have been up to the land of Nephi. Behold, they have labored exceedingly, and have brought forth much fruit; and how great shall be their reward! Now, when I think of the success of these my brethren my soul is carried away, even to the separation of it from the body, as it were, so great is my joy.

Delegate

Exodus 18:22

And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but <u>every small matter they shall judge</u>: so shall it be easier for thyself, and <u>they shall bear the burden with thee</u>.

Exemplify

D&C 88:130

And when he cometh into the house of God, for he should be first in the house—behold, this is beautiful, <u>that he may be an example</u>—

You too can be a heroic leader, boldly serving with valor to glorify God, not only in your role as a youth leader, but in every area of your life!

Godly Character

As you declare yourself a Warrior for Christ and follow His command, others will see the light of Christ in your countenance. As you prepare yourself each day with the whole Armor of God others will recognize the truth, peace, righteousness, faith, the Spirit, and the hope of Salvation that you embrace! All of the battles that you fight against the temptations of the enemy by living the Hero's Creed will give you experience being diligent, serving others, doing your very best, taking responsibility and being gracious. These will become a part of who you are.

Through the Everyday Warrior Journey you will become someone that others can look up to. Those whom you lead will be inspired by your Godly character.