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Living Lent | Day 17

## Superheroes for God

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***"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life."***

***Matthew 19:29 NIV***

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### **Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:**

Have you ever wanted to be a superhero? How cool would it be to be able to fly, become invisible, or save the world and all of its people? Did you know we have an awesome God who is like a superhero? God sent his son, Jesus, down to earth to save all of us. We all have to be saved from sin. Sin is something that separates us from God. You can be a part of this plan. All you have to do is to trust in God with your whole heart.

2020 has been an interesting year for all of us. I am sure most of you can relate. Can you think of something that you have had to give up during the past year? For many, it may be going to school, seeing grandparents, your health, your time, or anything you were attached to. Did you know that while we are living on this earth, we may have to give up lots of things we really enjoy? While Jesus was on earth, he went 40 days of fasting.

During the Lent Season, we are asked to sacrifice something just like Jesus. You may be giving up a certain toy, a video game, or a favorite food. It can be

really challenging to give up something you enjoy. This is where it is important to trust in God. When you give something up, you can replace it with God instead. So, every time you want to go back to what you have given up, try to say a prayer to God asking Him for encouragement and strength. This is how YOU can trust in God!

In Matthew 19, we are told we may have to give up things we may not want to give up. We may lose parents, close friends, or a teacher, but God promises eternal life to those who believe in Him! John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." During tough times, this is the hope you can hold on to. Every day is a journey of the good or the bad. It is our choice to make in what we do with it! We must show up and open our hearts to God and the plan he has for our lives. Our prayer for you is that you choose God every day even when it may be hard.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: God has something better than what you left behind, so be a Superhero in Christ.

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### **Challenge to Prayer and the Exercise of the Privilege of Generosity**

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