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Robin Hood (2018) | Revival | BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator Note: We encourage facilitators to take this Bible study and expound on it throughout the week, allowing it to be a springboard for more in-depth conversation and personal meditation.

PRESS START

In Robin Hood, we see an interesting methodology of shooting arrows. Whereas most modern archers keep arrows in some sort of quiver, place the arrow on the inside of the bow, then pull back to fire, here we see something different. Robin is taught to hold his arrows in his draw hand and place the arrow on the outside of the bow. This is a historically accurate way of firing arrows that has been lost to the ages. Archer Lars Andersen spent years studying ancient manuscripts that showed this technique. What he discovered was the bow and arrow was a far more devastating weapon for both long range and close quarters combat.

Activity: Get a toy (suction cup) bow and arrow set from a dollar store. Set up three targets (coke cans or other small items) and have members of the Bible Study attempt to speed shoot them. Whoever shoots all three in the shortest time frame wins a prize.

EQUIP

In the film, Robin has a bit of a break down after Little John is taken as a prisoner. He believes the cause is lost and he cannot continue the fight. It is here that Marian gives him some encouragement. She speaks of the power of one spark; one spark can set everything ablaze.

Ask: Have you ever experienced a change in your life caused by the actions of one individual?

In our PRESS START section, we talked about Lars Andersen. He has turned the archery world upside down because of his unconventional method of shooting. Sometimes being a spark is not about starting something new, but rediscovering ancient truths and being willing to stand by them.

LEVEL UP

Let's talk about one person who caused a massive fire. In **1 Kings 18**, we come upon people of God on the verge of revival. It was an interesting period in time. Most of God's people had turned away from him and were worshipping false gods of fertility. The worship of these false gods included child sacrifice and various sexual perversions. On top of that, all of the prophets of the one true God are gone...except one. Now, this doesn't sound like a recipe for revival, but let's take a look at what happens and how we can be the catalyst of revival today.

Read: 1 Kings 18:1-19

At the beginning of being a catalyst for revival, we need to understand sometimes the authorities may not agree with you. However, the Christian faith is not a government institution, but rather a divine walk. In the text, the prophet of God is looked down upon for being someone who speaks the truth. Yet knowing this and the consequences of presenting himself to them, he still did so. If we want to be catalysts for revival, we need to be willing to put ourselves in uncomfortable situations where we may not be liked, and where the word of the Lord may not be welcomed.

Read: 1 Kings 18:20-24

Here, the prophet has not only presented himself to the people, but is willing to demonstrate the work of the Lord and potentially look foolish in front of them.

Ask: Have you ever felt like God wanted you to do something but you knew if you failed you would look foolish? How did you respond to that moment?

Imagine for a moment you are Elijah in that situation. You have just presented a fantastical challenge for the people.

Ask: What do you think would have happened to Elijah if he had failed?

Read: 1 Kings 18:25-39

Obviously, something amazing has happened here. Because of Elijah's obedience, a revival took place. The people turned to God after this moment. Obviously, there is a whole lot more that took place, but this was the start of something greater.

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For true revival to take place, we have to become uncomfortable. Like Elijah, we may have to stand alone for the standards of God. We may have to say things that make other people uncomfortable. We may have to be willing to look foolish before the world. Please understand revival is not when you have a guest speaker and have a scheduled series of services; that's just an event. Revival is when people repent and turn to Jesus.

Ask: What are some practical ways we can be a catalyst for revival in our community, town, and nation?

Pray

End this time by praying for a few things. First, pray for personal repentance, then take time to pray for your community, city, and our nation to experience a true revival.

THE NEXT LEVEL

Read: Matthew 28:16-20

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