



## Announcements

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** // Little Creek Campus // June 5-9 // Make a difference in the lives of hundreds of kids this summer. Go to [ChurchoftheKing.com/vbs](http://ChurchoftheKing.com/vbs) and register to serve or for other campus dates.

**SERVE Day** // Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> // All Campuses // Register your group for a serve project and join thousands of believers across the United States to impact our nation for Jesus.  
[ChurchoftheKing.com/serveday](http://ChurchoftheKing.com/serveday).

## Warm-up

What is your favorite indulgent summer treat?

During the new *God At The Movies* series we are going to do something similar to what Jesus did by using relevant stories, known as parables, to bring spiritual truths to life. Instead of parables, we'll be looking at popular movies.

## Word and Application

Message One is the first in a series of lessons based on Biblical truths found in movies. Today we are going to look at the movie *Iron Man* to discover these truths from the perspective of a superhero in an iron suit.

Tony Stark had some eye-opening realities that transformed him from being self-indulgent to becoming self-aware and ultimately, self-sacrificing by serving others as Ironman. Initially, he was blind to the fact that his perspective was destroying his own life.

**Lets look at 3 Biblical Truths** we can derive from this movie to apply to our daily lives.

1. What *blows up* my life often has my name on it.

Sometimes we can unknowingly be the cause of difficulty in our own lives. That's why when things *blow up* in your life, it is important to own your part. Only when you face your role can you become empowered to be free from a weak area. This opens a door for you to change and come out stronger.

Do you know off any examples in movies, history or in real life where someone overcame self-destruction to gain victory in life?

**Read Luke 15:16-17, Proverbs 4:23, Psalm 119:9.** What practical advice do these scriptures give to teach us how to own our part in difficult situations? What areas of life do you self-indulge?

2. Your worst moments don't have to define you.

When we hold onto our strongholds, our pride, and our past, we do it at the expense of our destiny.

**Read Philippians 3:13-14.** How does our testimony of overcoming sin strengthen not only us but also the whole body of Christ? What area in your life, if surrendered to Jesus, would have the biggest impact on you and in the lives of those around you?

3. You can be the *Iron Man* in your world.

**Read Philippians 2:3-4, Ephesians 5:33, Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:23, Ephesians 6:11**

We must realize first that we cannot do anything in our own strength. We cannot please God in our own strength. The deciding factor for a life of freedom and purpose is when we decide to let God be Lord over *every* area of our lives. Once we own this, the fruits of the Spirit will be evident. In that moment, we are fully able to impact others for Jesus and show His true love to others.

How does walking in love and in the fruits of the spirit display more power and strength than any weapon formed by man? How does the full armor of God practically help us in our everyday life? Which part of the armor is the most powerful right now in your life?

Remember, heroes aren't born; they are made and God made you to be a hero. Choose one truth in this lesson that you will apply to your life this week.

## Prayer

Thank God for the inheritance we receive through Jesus Christ that empowers us to take up the full armor of God to accomplish our purpose on this earth. Ask God to reveal to you the width and depth of the fullness of God that is dwelling within you right now so you can activate it and walk it out every day. Pray for specific needs of the group.