



*The Rock is a Youth
Ministry of Ascension
Lutheran Church*

Superhero Council

Based Hebrews 10:11-14

<i>Mr. Incredible:</i>	<i>Austin</i>
<i>Elastigirl:</i>	<i>Kelli</i>
<i>Dash:</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Violet:</i>	<i>Peri</i>
<i>Mighty Mouse:</i>	<i>Tobi</i>
<i>Wonder Woman:</i>	<i>Alleah</i>
<i>ClarkKent:</i>	<i>Matt</i>
<i>Underdog:</i>	<i>Mattias</i>
<i>Dale Evans:</i>	<i>Allee</i>
<i>Green Hornet:</i>	<i>Tyler</i>
<i>Mary Poppins:</i>	<i>Nicole</i>
<i>Christian:</i>	<i>Jesse</i>

Setting: Annual meeting of the Superhero Council.

Mr. Incredible: (Pounding with Gavel at Podium). Order. Order. I hereby call the annual meeting of the Superhero Council to order. My wife, the standing -- or shall we say, bending -- secretary, Elastigirl will now proceed with the roll call.

Elastigirl: Mr. Incredible?

Mr. Incredible: Present.

Elastigirl: Dash Incredible?

Dash: (Chasing Violet around the group). Here, mom.

Elastigirl: Violet Incredible.

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Violet: Mom, make him stop chasing me!

Incredigril: Dash, remember what we talked about at home?

Dash: But, Mom, she touched me.

Violet: I did not, you little tattle-tale...

Elastigirl: Kids, zip it. Mighty Mouse?

Mighty Mouse: *(Singing.)* Here I am to save the day!

Elastigirl: Look, Mouse...

Mighty Mouse: Call me MIGHTY!

Elastigirl: Okay, Mighty...now remember, we all agreed to eliminate the advertising of our services to keep these meetings short.

Mighty Mouse: Oh, sorry, old habits are just sort of hard to break.

Elastigirl: Yeah. Now where was I? Oh yes, Wonder Woman?

Wonder Woman: Here.

Elastigirl: Hey, where's the outfit, Wonder Woman?

Wonder Woman: That outfit was SO 70's. This just seemed more 21st-century, you know.

Elastigirl: Can't fit into it, anymore, huh?

Wonder Woman: *(Shrugs.)*

Elastigirl: That's okay, sweetie, most of us can't wear what we did in our twenties either. Superman? *(Pause.)* Superman? *(Pause.)* Oh, yeah, ah...Clark Kent.

Clark Kent: *(Stumbles into room with glasses, suit, and brief case.)* Sorry I'm late. I was running behind, and

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couldn't find a phone booth.

Elastigirl: Underdog?

Dash: Underdog? Who's that?

Violet: Oh, I read about him in my history book. He's a cartoon dog that shines shoes for a living. But when trouble appears, "humble, lovable" Shoeshine Boy slips into a phone booth and emerges as Underdog, the champion of justice.

Dash: You're pulling my leg.

Violet: No really, last year he sat next to me at this thing, and it took me two weeks to get rid of the fleas.

Elastigirl: Last call for Underdog. Don't make me do this! Oh, all right. *(Singing.)* Where, oh where, has my underdog gone, where, oh, where, could he be?

Underdog: *(Enters.)* There's no need to fear...Underdog is here! When Polly's in trouble I am not slow, it's Hip, Hip, Hip and away I go!

Elastigirl: *(Stares at him.)* Uh-huh. Hawkgirl?

Dale: Present.

Elastigirl: Say, your not Hawkgirl. Haven't I seen you before?

Dale Evans: I'm Dale Evans. I'm filling in for Hawkgirl. She was having her hair done and her wings clipped today.

Elastigirl: Wow, Dale Evans. I haven't seen you for years. I was a big fan of yours when I was a kid. You could out-ride, out-shoot, and out-fight all those bad guys and still look like a real lady at the end of each episode. No offense, but, I thought you were dead.

Dale Evans: We always live in re-runs, sweetie.

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- Elastigirl: Hornet? Green Hornet?
- Green Hornet: *(Stands next to Clark, and nudges Kent to introduce him.)*
- Clark Kent: Another challenge for the Green Hornet, his aid Kato, and their rolling arsenal, the Black Beauty. On Police records a wanted criminal, Green Hornet is really Britt Reid, publisher of the Daily Sentinel. His dual identity known only to his secretary and the district attorney. And now, to protect the rights and lives of decent citizens, rides THE GREEN HORNET.
- Elastigirl: *(Disgusted.)* That's it. I resign! You people want to be here all night reciting slogans, fine. I've got a life to live, and believe me, it's not easy. Mr. Incredible: She's right! Why, the last time we came here, we left baby Jack-Jack with the babysitter, and I guess you all know how that came out.
- Elastigirl: We're still sorting out the insurance claims.
- Violet: Yeah, now we have to outfit every babysitter with arc-flash equipment.
- Dash: It's great! I'm the only kid on the block with a Baby Brother that doesn't meet OSHA safety regulations.
- Elastigirl: Well, now you know why I'm a little on edge. You don't know what it's like to change that kid's diaper.
- Mr. Incredible: Is that the end of the roll call, honey?
- Elastigirl: Yeah, Hulk, Spiderman, and Batman are all at an autograph show for the Iowa Cubs this weekend.
- Mr. Incredible: Our first order of business is to recognize two guests who are petitioning for membership on the Superhero Council. Please stand and state your name and credentials for admission to the council.

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Mary Poppins: My name is Mary Poppins. I can fly using my umbrella, serve tea on the ceiling, and jump into sidewalk chalk paintings. *(Whole table makes noises of approval.)*

Mr. Incredible: Hmm. Pretty impressive. Any discussion?

Mighty Mouse: Well, I don't mean to be critical, but, flying with an umbrella is pretty much yesterday's technology.

Clark Kent: The rodent on steroids has a point. You know, the tea parties and chalk paintings are all pretty impressive, but we're not talkin' x-ray vision...

Mary Poppins: Hmm. *(Drops tape measure.)* There, you see! *(Reading from tape measure).* "Mary Poppins—Practically perfect in every way."

Mr. Incredible: Miss Poppins, I'm sorry, but...

Mary Poppins: *(Standing and placing hands on Dash and Violet.)* Very well, did I mention that I can make kids enjoy cleaning their rooms? *(Everyone gasps.)*

Dale Evans: Now, that IS impressive.

Elastigirl: I can't do that!

Wonder Woman: She's got my vote! I nominate Mary Poppins.

Dale Evans: Second.

Mr. Incredible: All in favor? *(All say "Aye.")* Next?

Christian: I'm Christian Servant, and I really can't do much on my own, but I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Mr. Incredible: Hmm, I don't know. We usually only take in people who are...well...if I don't say so myself...incredible.

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Wonder Woman: Or wonderful...

Mighty Mouse: Or mighty...

Clark Kent: Or super...

Green Hornet: Or green. *(Pause. Everyone looks at him.)* Oops. Strike that.

Christian: Well, I'm not any of those things on my own, but I do have a pretty good letter of recommendation.

Elastigirl: Letter of recommendation? Well, let's hear it.

Christian: *(Pulls out her Bible.)* Here, it's in the book of Hebrews, chapter 10, starting at verse 11. "Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins."

Mr. Incredible: You're losing me, kid. What's all this stuff about priests and sacrifices have to do with you?

Mary Poppins: The writer is talking about the Levitical priests of the Old Testament. You see, in the Old Testament, Priests had to continually offer sacrifices to God.

Dale Evans: The gal with the umbrella is right! As this verse tells us, their sacrifices never quite measured up. The sacrifice was never perfect in every way, so the priest's work was never done. Continue, Christian.

Christian: *(Reading.)* Starting at verse 12, "But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God."

Mr. Incredible: Help! Who is "this priest."

Dale Evans: Jesus. The writer is comparing Jesus, THE Christian priest of the New Testament, to the Levitical priests

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of the Old Testament.

Marry Poppins: The nanny with the six-shooter is right! Unlike the Old Testament priests and their sacrifices, Jesus was not just PRACTICALLY perfect in every way. He WAS perfect.

Underdog: Hmm, that's kind of like us Superheros. Like the Old Testament priests, we keep trying to do good stuff, but there's always more to do.

Clark Kent: But then Jesus—the super priest, the real Superman, the God-man—entered the scene.

Underdog: That's why the writer says whereas the priests had to continually STAND before God, knowing their work was never done, Jesus could do the job once and be take a seat.

Dale Evans: And not just a seat in a man-made tent or temple, but in the very presence of God in heaven

Mr. Incredible: That really is incredible, if I don't say so myself.

Mary Poppins: Exactly! In fact, the writer of Hebrews, the Jews of that day, and scholars for two thousand years have recognized it as being incredible.

Dale Evans: Remember when Jesus was on trial before the Sanhedrin and he said he'd be seated by the right hand of God?

Mary Poppins: The High Priest tore his robe, because he knew no one but God alone can be seated in the presence of God, much less to his right.

Mr. Incredible: So Jesus was claiming to be God.

Elastigirl: Okay, okay. But what does this have to do with Christian Servant here?

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- Christian: I can answer that. You see, I can try to be as good as I can, to do things that I think would please God, but ultimately, I will fail. I'll mess up and make mistakes, some accidental and some willful, some that other people will point out and some that only God will see. Even if I'm super, incredible, mighty, wonderful, practically perfect in every way...
- Green Hornet: or Green?
- Christian: Yes, even if I'm green, I'll always have my faults. Even if I rely on God to help me be all those things, I'll never measure up.
- Underdog: You really are an underdog, aren't you Christian?
- Mr. Incredible: Hmm. This is the strangest letter of recommendation I've ever heard.
- Christian: Oh, there's one more part. *(Reading.)* Verse 14. "...because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy."
- Dash: I get it! She's talking about the Christian act of Salvation. We learned about it in confirmation. The act of Salvation takes people who are far from perfect and makes them fit to be in God's presence.
- Violet: Not just temporarily in God's presence, like the Old Testament priests, but forever, like the real Superhero of the New Testament.
- Mr. Incredible: Hmm, forever in God's presence. That's even better than getting voted onto the Superhero Council.
- Mary Poppins: *(Measures Christian with Tape.)* It says "Made perfect by her savior Jesus!"
- Underdog: I've got it! Perfection in Christ is not something we achieve, but G-I-F-T, a gift we receive!

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All: UGG.

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