

## Super-selfish to Super-selfless\_MA

*Message focuses on Biblical lessons learned from the movie Lego Batman*

### **Philippians 2:5-11 NIV**

*<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Scene 1: Batman is attached to Joker in the air and admits he doesn't need anyone. He even says his greatest enemy is Superman who fights on the same side. (9:45-12:00)**

- How is it possible to be a superhero and selfish, too? I'm not sure, but Batman fits the mold. Sure, he fights crime, but he also thinks too highly of himself.
- "If you want to be like Batman, take care of your abs," he tells kids.
- Selflessness runs counter to our human nature, which is why being *selfless* is so much more difficult than being *selfish*.
- Selfless, although difficult at times, is connected to our purpose

➤ **Serving OTHERS begins with putting God FIRST.**

### **Philippians 5:1**

*Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion*

- selflessness involves more than putting other people first; it is putting God first
- Jesus is the bridge between selfishness and selflessness

➤ **A RICH life is one lived WITH others.**

**Scene 2: Alfred challenges Batman to face his fear of making friends and being part of a family again. (19:27-21:05)**

### **Philippians 1:27-30 NIV**

*<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel<sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,<sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.*

- The joy of the journey comes from the people you join to along the way
- Perhaps you've lived most of your life and there were significant people in your past. Every season of life can be "rich" with the right people

#### ➤ **Great VICTORIES require a TEAM**

### **Scene 3: "It's takes a village, not a Batman." (123-124:18)**

- Sure, Batman caught bad guys and fought crime but his impact was limited by his own ability
- The purpose and dreams that God places in the individual are designed to be discovered in the context of a team.
- Is there untapped potential in you because of your tendency to work alone?
- The strategy of struggle isn't to make your life frustrating but to drive you into isolation
- Your destiny is connected to the "right" others and selflessness is the key

LIVE IT:

### **Philippians 2:2-4**

*... then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

- STEP out and find your people.
- Talk about OTHERS instead of yourself.
- THINK of create ways to serve the INTEREST of others.