

the Venues

Go Deep

Sermons from Superheroes Series
“Bright Lessons from the Dark Knight”
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What is your biggest fear?

What were you afraid of as a kid?

How do you cope with your fear?

1. What’s behind the mask?

Bruce Wayne had two traumatic experiences that created the “Batman” -

1. As a young boy, he fell into a well, and was swarmed with thousands of bats.
2. His parents were killed by a thief right in front of his eyes.

Personal question: Answer aloud only if you want - What event or experience is behind your mask?

Batman gets his name from his fear of bats. Using that logic, what’s your superhero name?

What comfort do you receive from Psalm 56:3

2. Compassion is a superpower.

Bruce Wayne’s mentor encouraged him to take the path of vengeance in dealing with his anger.

What is the “good and bad” of taking that path?

Batman chose a different path - the path of compassion. He told his mentor that compassion “separates us from them.”

Read the following verses and discuss what path is recommended here: Matthew 5:44-45; Matthew 5:9; Romans 8:14; Romans 12:20-21; Matthew 9:36; Luke 23:34; 1 Peter 3:9-11

List all the instructions from these passages.

How does that recommended path work in life?

3. Batman, James, and Jesus: “...it’s not who you are underneath, but what you do that defines you.”

These words were told to Bruce Wayne by his long-time friend, Rachel.

What do you think her statement means?

Do you agree or disagree with that statement?

Read James 2:12-19 and Matthew 7:12-17

How do these passages fit with Rachel’s statement?

What do these passages tell us about the essence of Christian faith and life?

What is your take-away?