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## Faith Heroes: Truth, Justice, & the American Way

### Mark 14:53-65

*Warmup: Who was your favorite superhero growing up, and what quality did you admire most?*

#### READ Mark 14:53-65

- Who was gathered in the courtyard during Jesus's questioning? Why are these different groups of people working together?

#### REFLECT

- Why do you think Jesus chose to embody truth rather than fight for truth?
  - How does this impact how you share your faith?
- How do you respond to Jesus's claim to be the only way to God? (John 14:6)
- Why are Jesus' words challenging for people today? Why can't the teachings of Jesus co-exist with Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, and Islam?

#### OUR RESPONSE

- How can we **balance** advocating for justice for others while following Jesus's example of not fighting for our own justice?
- Does the question above have any relevance to the concept of learning contentment as described in 1 Timothy 6:6-8, or is it an entirely separate matter?
- How does Jesus's willingness to face injustice for our sake change how we view our own struggles?

#### RESPOND

- Identify opportunities to support those facing injustice in your community.
  - What will you do this week?
- Another challenging question: As you assist others, in what ways are you developing your character without nurturing your ego?

*"To transform religious and irreligious people into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ."*