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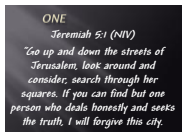
**One**

***I want to show you how merciful and good God is.***

*There are many examples of this throughout the Bible.*

*God wants to show Himself strong on the behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. (2 Chron. 16:9)*

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***Jeremiah 5:1 (NIV)*** “Go up and down the streets of Jerusalem, look around and consider, search through her squares. If you can find but one person who deals honestly and seeks the truth, I will forgive this city.

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***Among all of the people God was looking for one.***

***This was Jeremiah’s job.***

*See if you can find one person who is honest and seeks the truth, and I will forgive this city.*

***How many people does it take to make a difference?***

*God wants to show mercy.*

*God wants to forgive.*

***God is looking for One***

***God works on a different scale.***

***He looks for one who will stand before Him in the gap on behalf of the land. (Ezekiel 22:30)***

*God is looking for anyone who will stand up.*

***One of the tragedies throughout time has been the lack of One.***

*One person to stand up for what is right.*

*One person to stand before God.*

*One person to intercede for the land.*

***God told Jeremiah if he could find just one He would spare the city.***

Think about it.

***One can change a city.***

***Take a look at Hebrews 11.***

Here is a list of people of faith.

***Often when we think of faith it is in relation to what we can get.***

***“If I can have faith, I can have my answer.”***

*If you read Hebrews 11 you will find that this faith is more than asking and receiving.*

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ONE  
Abel - Hebrews 11:4  
Enoch - Hebrews 11:5  
Noah - Hebrews 11:7  
Abraham - Hebrews 11:8-12  
Isaac, Jacob, Esau, Joseph  
Moses - Hebrews 11:23-24

***Faith has more to do with trusting and obeying.***

➤ *Abel offered a better sacrifice. (Heb. 11:4)*

*His service and worship to God revealed his faith.*

*The Bible says He was a righteous man.*

➤ *Enoch was taken from this life, because he pleased God. (Heb 11:5)*

*His ways pleased the Lord God.*

➤ *Noah saved his family. (Heb 11:7)*

*His faith brought him into action.*

*In holy fear he became heir of righteousness.*

➤ *From one man, Abraham, came descendants as numerous as the stars and the sand on the seashore, because he trusted and obeyed God. (Heb 11:8-12)*

*His obedience to faith caused him to follow God.*

➤ *Consider the faith of Isaac, Jacob, Esau, and Joseph.*

*Their faith was strong.*

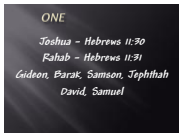
*They trusted and obeyed the Lord.*

***We are considering the power  
of one to make a difference.***

- *Joseph stood true to the vision from God to the salvation of his family and ultimately the people of Israel.*
- *Moses refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. (Heb 11:23-29) Moses was willing to be the one to stand up against Pharaoh and lead God's people out of bondage.*
- *Joshua became the one who led the people into the Promised Land.  
By faith the walls of Jericho fell. (Heb 11:30)  
Pay attention to his obedience to the faith.*
- *Rahab was the one in Jericho who was not destroyed with the unbelieving. (Heb 11:31)*

Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, and Samuel were the ***One for their generation.***

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***It is not always easy being the one who will stand up for God.***

Hebrews 11 tells us they conquered kingdoms and administered justice.

They gained what was promised.

They shut the mouths of lions.

They quenched the fury of the flames.

They escaped the edge of the sword

Their weakness was turned into strength.

They became powerful in battle.

Some were tortured and refused to be released.

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Some faced jeers and flogging.  
Some were chained and put in prison.  
Some were stoned and put to death.

*The world was not worthy of them.*

They were the one who stood up for their generation.

*The Lord is still looking for one so He can show mercy.  
I have often wondered what “one” could do.*

*The world is looking for one.*

*One can stand in the gap.*

*One can pray without ceasing.*

*One can hold your hands up.*

*One can help get you out of trouble.*

*One can give a word of encouragement.*

*One can save a city.*

*Several years ago a young girl was attacked in the Saint Louis zoo by a gang of boys. While hundreds of people walked by or stood in amazement, the young girl was violated and beaten. No One stood up and said you can't do that.*

*When sin was in the camp and judgment was destroying the people, Moses told Aaron to run with the incense and stand between the living and the dead.*

*(Numbers 16:48)*

*The plague was stopped because one ran to take a stand.*

*Will you be the one?*

*Will you stand for your city?*

*Will you stand up for the church?*

*Will you stand up for your friends?*

*Will you speak up to your lost loved ones?*

*Will you stand for righteousness?*

*Will you be the one?*

***The Lord said He was ready to do something when one was found.***

***Jeremiah 5:1 (NIV)*** “If you can find but one person who deals honestly and seeks the truth, I will forgive this city.”

*God is looking for someone to stand up for others.*

*He is looking for an intercessor.*

*God said: “I will.”*

*I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

*God is abundant in grace and mercy.*

*He is not willing for any to perish.*

*He is looking for individuals that will stand in the gap for their city.*

*God is seeking ONE who will intercede for the lost.*

***Will you be the one?***

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