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Heroes

There are so many people to admire in the world about us. People to be inspired by and to learn from. Who do you admire? Perhaps it's an explorer or adventurer, an artist or musician, a sportsman or world leader. Maybe it's somebody you're close to, somebody you love, somebody who seems to say or do the right things at the right time. Could it be someone who has faced difficulty or danger, and has learnt a great deal from their experiences?

Perhaps, in day to day life, things seem really quite humdrum, and there doesn't appear to be that much to admire in what is around. However, a smile or kind word is incredibly powerful, simply taking a small interest in the people you meet. From there, relationships might begin to grow.

A historical figure that I much admire is Daniel, an Israelite who lived in Babylon over 2500 years ago. Despite the discomfort of living in alien surroundings, and having to face difficult cultural issues, he pledged to place God first in all that he did, even if that brought him into conflict with Babylonian authority. He had the ability to understand visions and dreams, which he put to great effect, and he was always thankful that God had given him such wisdom and power, even in understanding the dreams of King Nebuchadnezzar.

Wouldn't it be good to know that whatever you face in life, God, the creator of the universe, is with you always? He is the ultimate power to be admired.

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