



➤ **THE OPERATIVE WORD IN TODAY'S MESSAGE IS "_____."**

You are who you choose to be. Hogarth to the Iron Giant

"I am now giving you the choice between life and death, between God's blessing and God's curse, and I call heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Choose life." Deuteronomy 30:19 (GNB)

➤ **I CAN CHOOSE TO BECOME A SUPERHERO...**

1. BY CHOOSING TO _____ A SUPERIOR _____.

"I love you!" Hogarth's last words to the Iron Giant

One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD.³⁰ And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'^[a]³¹ The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[b] No other commandment is greater than these." Mark 12:28-31 (NLT)

Jesus loved his disciples who were in the world. So he now showed them how much he really loved them. John 13:1b (NirV)

Your life must be controlled by love, just as Christ loved us and gave his life for us... Ephesians 5:2 (GNB)

2. BY CHOOSING TO _____ WITH SUPERIOR _____.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He became deeply troubled and distressed.³⁴ He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me." Mark 14:33-35 (NIV)

- Someone who will _____ me.

"He's (Superman) a lot like you: crash-landed on Earth, didn't know what he was doing. But he only uses his powers for good, never evil. Remember that."

Hogarth to the Iron Giant

"It's bad to kill, but it's not bad to die." Hogarth to the Iron Giant

Take the teachings that you heard me proclaim... and entrust them to reliable people, who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2 (GNB)

- Someone who will _____ in me.

"That's Atomo, the Metal Menace. He's not a hero, he's a villain," he says before assuring his pal: "But you're not like him. You're a good guy, like Superman." Hogarth to the Iron Giant

I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. 2 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)

- Someone who will _____ me.

"It's bad to kill. Guns kill. And you don't have to be a gun. You are what you choose to be." Hogarth to the Iron Giant

I'm writing to encourage you to fan into a flame and rekindle the fire of the spiritual gift God imparted to you when I laid my hands upon you.⁷ For God will never give you the spirit of fear, but the Holy Spirit who gives you mighty power, love, and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:6,7 (TPT)

- Someone who will _____ me.

Here are my instructions: diligently guard yourselves, and diligently guard the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has given you oversight. Shepherd the church of God, this precious church which He made His own through the blood of His own Son. Acts 20:28 (VOICE)

Stop being deceived: "Wicked friends lead to evil ends." 1 Corinthians 15:33 (ISV)

3. I CHOOSE TO _____ WITH SUPERIOR _____.

Jesus, knowing their thoughts, called them to his side and said, "Kings and those with great authority in this world rule oppressively over their subjects, like tyrants.²⁶ But this is not your calling. You will lead by a completely different model. The greatest one among you will live as the one who is called to serve others,²⁷ because the greatest honor and authority is reserved for the one with the heart of a servant.²⁸ For even the Son of Man did not come expecting to be served by everyone, but to serve everyone, and to give his life in exchange for the salvation of many." Matthew 20:25-28 (TPT)

- Greatness is about _____.
- Service is about _____.
- Love is about _____.