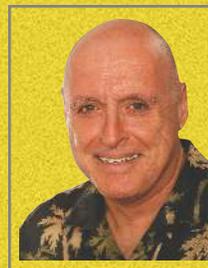


# THE EXTRA POINT

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## # 834 I Know a Hero When I See One

Yesterday was a day to remember heroes. It's always good to think about our heroes, and why we think of them that way. I'm Jerry Roberts, and today we talk about heroes. That's next, on The Extra Point.

Who are your heroes? Why are they your heroes? I've recently seen Hollywood celebrities and superstar athletes reveal names of people they consider to be heroes, and role models. Disappointment is one word to describe how I felt, but it's not nearly strong enough.

What's the basis for being a role model and hero? Hitting lots of home runs, leading your team to the NBA championship, having a #1 song, social media followers in the millions, and having the world bow at your feet? Do those things get you in the hero and role model club?

When I think of heroes and role models, I think of single working parents. Most of those are single mothers. I was raised by one. Some work and go to school. They come home tired, and then put on the parent hat. They're always tired. Many don't get much, perhaps not any financial support. I admire their courage and resolve, and I know a hero when I see one.

When I think of heroes and role models, I think of those people who work full time, raise kids, and also act as caregiver for their elderly parents.

This growing trend has seen people in their 20s all the way to their 70s challenged in ways they never imagined. The pressures of tending to the diverse needs of children and seniors often leave people emotionally drained. I know a hero when I see one.

When I think of heroes and role models, I think of people who work hard and do things right, and who one day accept a job they feel is bigger than the talents they bring to it. They

add value to their team every day, and grow people, so they can do the same. I know a hero when I see one.

When I think of heroes and role models, I think of teachers trying to reach students who would much rather spend their time on Instagram and TikTok. They fight an inadequate education system to have the resources to make an impact. I know a hero when I see one.

When I think of heroes and role models, I think of police officers and other first responders who fight to keep us safe, and who run to danger while others run from it. We don't have as many as we need, and they need better equipment. I know a hero when I see one.

When I think of heroes and role models, I think of the men and women who have worn and who now wear the uniforms of America's military. So many have sacrificed. Some paid with their lives to pick up the tab for our freedom.

Many more have come home with visible wounds, but it's the invisible ones that will haunt them for a lifetime. I know a hero when I see one.

Memorial Day is a time to reflect on sacrifice. I hope you took a few moments to remember those no longer with us. I dedicate this to you, if your memory of sacrifice is more personal than for others.

More than that, I hope talking about heroes and role models encourages you to revisit the list of those people you think of in that way.

One more thing. If you've got kids in your life, you may well be a hero and a role model to them. For you to explain who you look up to, and why, can open doors for them and change how they think.  
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With the media pushing their perverted vision of heroes and role models at younger generations, it's never been more important to have these conversations. You can do this, because I know a hero when I see one.

That's The Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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