

Unsung Heroes

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Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

2. Rely on God’s provision.

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Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. 2 Corinthians 3:12

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