

EVERYDAY HEROES



WHAT MAKES A PERSON RISK THEIR LIVES FOR OTHERS? THIS PRESENTATION INTRODUCES FOUR STORIES OF DISTINCT HEROISM, ALL BASED IN COMPASSION FOR OTHERS. IN OCCUPIED ITALY, A NUN HIDES JEWISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN HER CONVENT. IN COMMUNIST CUBA, ONE MAN RISKS HIS FREEDOM TO FEED HIS STARVING NIECE AND HER FAMILY. IN A POW CAMP, A NURSE SELFLESSLY CARES FOR OTHER INMATES. AND A WIFE FOLLOWS HER JAPANESE-AMERICAN HUSBAND INTO AN INTERNMENT CAMP AND QUIETLY DOCUMENTS THE INJUSTICE FOR HISTORY TO REMEMBER. DR. EMILIE L. LUCCHESI INTRODUCES THE FOUR STORIES OF THESE HEROES WHILE EXPLORING WHAT SOCIAL SCIENTISTS HAVE DISCOVERED ABOUT COMPASSION AND THE SELFLESS DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS. THIS LECTURE IS AN INSPIRING LOOK AT PEOPLE WHO WERE BRIGHT LIGHTS IN DARK TIMES.



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