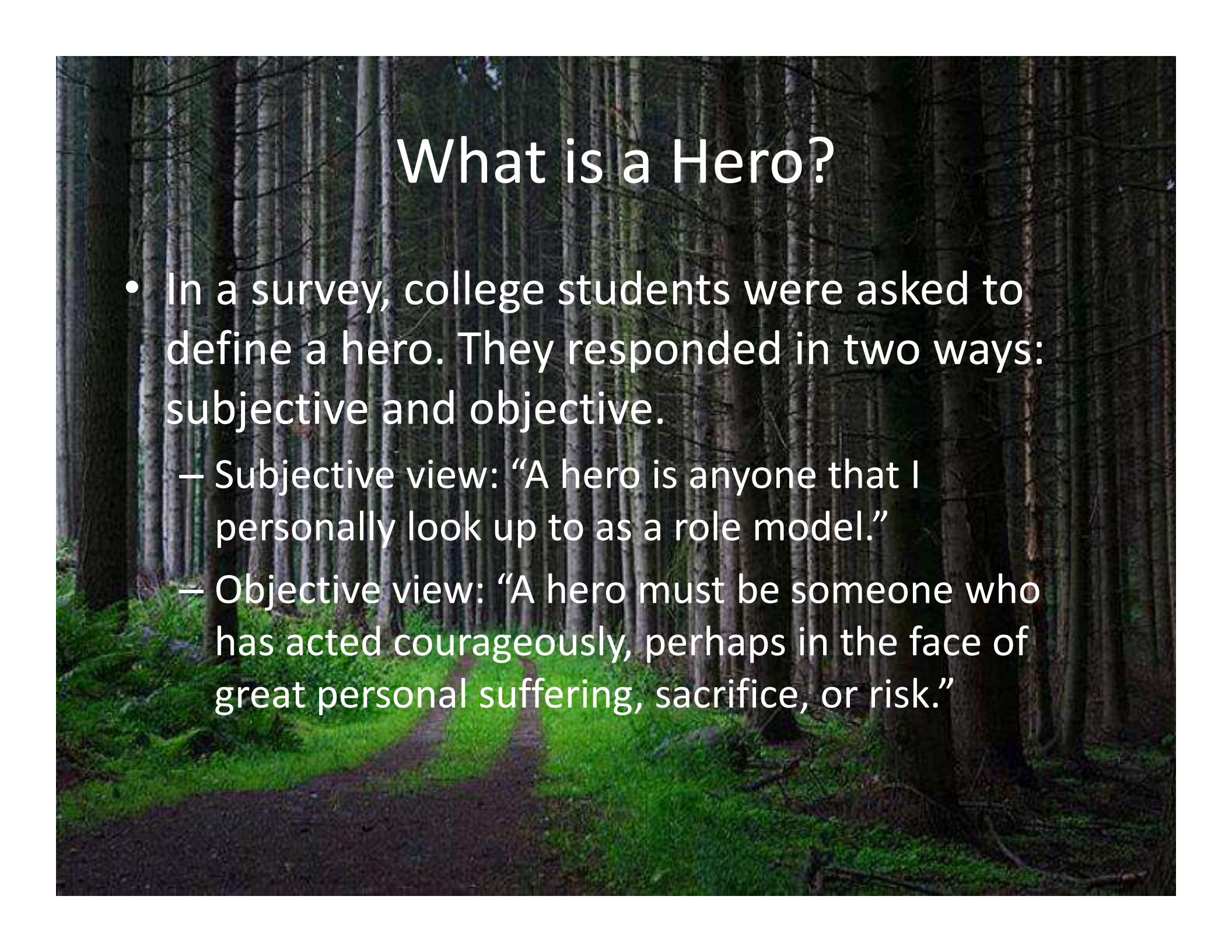


A photograph of a forest path. The path is a narrow, winding trail of dark brown earth, flanked by vibrant green grass and ferns. The forest is composed of tall, slender, vertical tree trunks, likely spruce or fir, which create a strong sense of depth and perspective. The lighting is soft and diffused, typical of a forest interior. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

Calling for Heroes

What is a Hero?

- Hero: any person admired for courage, nobility, or exploits; any person admired for qualities or achievements and regarded as an ideal or model. (Webster's New World College Dictionary 4th ed. 1999).
- Characters who, in the face of danger and adversity or from a position of weakness, display courage and the will for self-sacrifice, that is, heroism, for some greater good of all humanity.
- Origins: "ἥρως" (heros), hero, warrior, literally protector or defender; one who preserves whole.
- Hero is often simply an ordinary person in extraordinary circumstances, who, despite odds being stacked against him or her, prevails in the end. (Wikipedia)

A photograph of a forest with a dirt path leading through tall trees. The trees are thin and vertical, creating a sense of depth. The ground is covered in green grass and some fallen branches. The lighting is soft, suggesting a slightly overcast day.

What is a Hero?

- In a survey, college students were asked to define a hero. They responded in two ways: subjective and objective.
 - Subjective view: “A hero is anyone that I personally look up to as a role model.”
 - Objective view: “A hero must be someone who has acted courageously, perhaps in the face of great personal suffering, sacrifice, or risk.”

A photograph of a dense forest with tall, thin trees and a path leading through them. The trees are dark and the path is a mix of dirt and grass. The lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting a shaded forest.

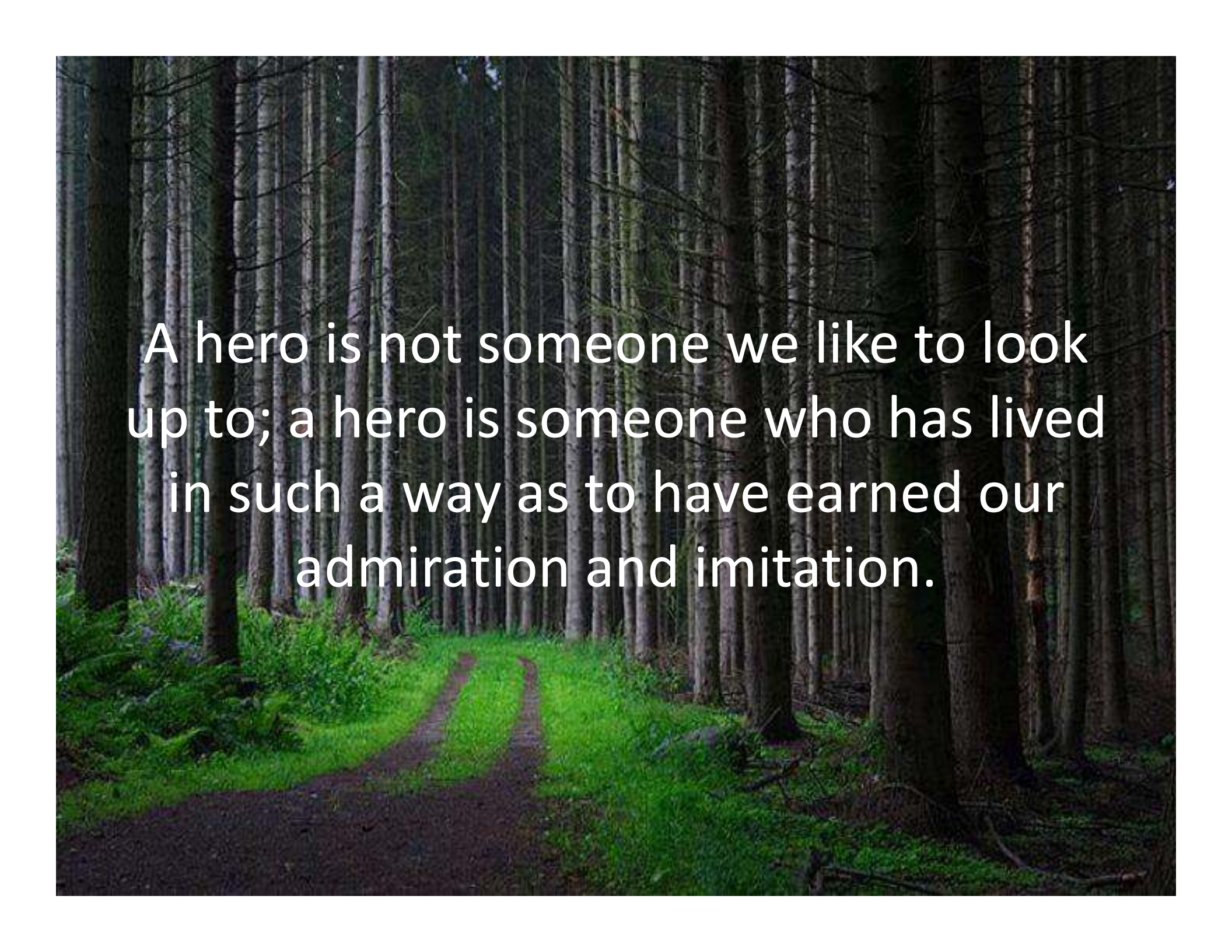
Bible Heroes And The Characteristics That Made Them So

- Caleb by Perseverance
 - Joshua 14:6-13
- Jonathan by Wisdom
 - 1Sam. 14:6-7
 - 2Tim. 4:16-18
- David by Faith
 - 1Sam. 17:32-37, 44-47

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- Nehemiah by Works
 - Neh. 6:1-13
 - Zech. 4:6-7
- Daniel by Prayer
 - Dan. 6:6-11, 25-26
- Elisha by Knowledge
 - 2Kings 6:8-17
 - John 19:10-11
 - Matt. 26:53

A photograph of a forest path with a quote overlaid. The path is a narrow dirt trail winding through a dense forest of tall, thin trees. The ground is covered in green grass and ferns. The lighting is soft, suggesting a misty or overcast day. The quote is centered in the upper half of the image.

A hero is not someone we like to look up to; a hero is someone who has lived in such a way as to have earned our admiration and imitation.