

July 16 | Sunday

Rebels & Roses Series: Star Wars-Rogue One

Read [Luke 11:14-28](#)



**17 | Mon – Hope is the fuel** | Read [Romans 5:1-4](#)

In *Star Wars: Rogue One*, an evil Empire is bent on conquering all living beings in the universe with the Death Star weapon. Many surrendered out of fear. But the rebels continued to fight, against all odds, because they believed there was a chance they could defeat their formidable foe. Where does your hope come from when you face insurmountable troubles? Look at the progression in verse 4 that moves you from suffering to hope. There is great value in acting on hope in the middle of trouble.

**18 | Tue – Ready or not** | Read [Isaiah 43:1-3](#)

The rebels in the movie did not go looking for trouble. It came to them. Sooner or later, difficult times come to everyone but the Lord literally commands you “*do not be afraid.*” Why? Because you are His. The Lord continues by saying, not *if* you go through fiery trials or *if* high waters threaten to drown you but *when* they do, he will be with you. That is a promise! How do these words affect your mind when thinking about the future?

**19 | Wed – Protection provided** | Read [Ephesians 6:10-17](#)

You do not fight an evil Emperor; your battle is against “spiritual forces of evil” in the unseen world. God has given you protective ‘armor’ if you choose to use it... the righteousness of Jesus covering your heart, truth firmly buckled in the middle of your being, your mind protected by God’s salvation, faith in God’s good character shielding you from the flaming arrows of the devil’s accusations, the Scriptures you use to effectively fight back against the enemy’s deceptions, with your feet firmly grounded in peace of knowing the Lord is your strength. Battles are a part of life. Are you properly prepared to face them?

**20 | Thu – Injustice** | Read [Acts 5:17-32, 40-42](#)

The Rogue One rebels took great and costly risks as they faced the wrath of the Empire; it was the right thing to do. In Acts 5, the apostles faced the wrath of powerful religious leaders and were beaten and commanded to stop. Instead of falling into self-pity at being punished for doing good, they *rejoiced* that they were considered worthy to be ‘disgraced’ for upholding Jesus’ name. How do you respond when unjust things happen to you?

**21 | Fri – Pride can trip you up** | Read [Matthew 21:33-45](#)

The rebels knew something the arrogant leaders of the Empire did not, a small flaw in the Death Star that made it vulnerable. Here the religious leaders arrogantly pass judgement on Jesus but his story drove home the point that God was in charge and they did not own the people they were trying to control. Has pride ever been your downfall? What did you learn?

**22 | Sat – Love defined** | Read [John 15:13](#)

Spoiler alert: the small band of rebels succeed in getting vital information to the rest of the rebel leaders which would eventually turn the tide, but it cost them their lives. This story echoes Jesus’ sacrifice on Calvary, as he willingly gave up his life to purchase freedom for us. “*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.*” Rarely does one literally die for another person but is God asking you to make some sacrifice for the ultimate good of others you love or maybe even for someone you do not know?