A	TIME FOR		
		MESSAGE	SERIES
	SPEAK	ING UP	
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Heroes speak up when others remain _____

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

When to Speak Up:

1. When you're close to a situation where there is an _____ need, a _____ habit or a _____ habit or a

¹⁷ Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸ You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone." Exodus 18:17-18

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17

Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses. Proverbs 27:6

2. When you have something ______ to say _____ helpful ______, encouraging words, or wise

¹⁹ "Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰ Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. ²¹ But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens." Exodus 18:19-21

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. Proverbs 15:22

3. When you care more about doing what's _____ for the person than being _____ about the situation.

²⁴ Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. ²⁵ He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²⁶ They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves. ²⁷ Then Moses sent his father-in-law on his way, and Jethro returned to his own country. Exodus 18:24-27

Next Steps for the week of April 24:

- □ Ask yourself: Where do I need to speak up? Where do I need to listen?
- □ Prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper.
- □ Invite a first responder or a member of the military to church next Sunday, May 1, as we honor our heroes.