“Real heroes are in short supply in our day,” says Daniel L. Akin. In a world fascinated with celebrities and disenchanted with greatness, true heroism is hard to define, much less to find. But Dr. Akin is certain that true heroes do appear in this generation as missionaries, pastors, and church planters. In *Five Who Changed the World*, he looks back to the lives of five Christian missionaries as guides to true greatness and heroism today.

This short book is filled with insight and inspiration. Dr. Akin, who serves as President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, offers biographical portraits of William Carey, Adoniram (and Ann) Judson, Bill Wallace, Lottie Moon, and Jim Elliot. Of these, Dr. Akin writes: “All of them suffered and experienced trials and the testing of their faith. Some were even martyred. Yet they persevered.”

The world really was changed by the service and witness of these Christian missionaries, and readers will risk a changed perspective and a challenged heart by reading this book. It’s a risk you ought to take — and to pass along.