

# Survival essay



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When they learn to speak up or have faith it assists them in finding their true strength and they become even stronger people.

In Andersen's *Speak*, Melinda discovers her true strength in choosing to protect herself from Andy Evans. When she is attacked once again by Andy in the janitor's closet, she is given two options: to let Andy gain control of her and possibly rape her a second time, or to defend herself, despite the fear she feels. She chooses to stand up against him and gains the courage to yell "NOON!!!" (194) to him. Talking to Rachel before this happened is one of the reasons she got the courage to yell. This decision she has demonstrated her true strength, her audacity. She protects herself before she gets raped a second time and demonstrates strength does not come only physically but mentally as well. Throughout *Hildebrand Unbroken*, Lie Simpering faces more difficult challenges than Melinda did. Lie was shot down over the Pacific and set an unofficial record for surviving on a raft at sea for 47 days, he was captured by the Japanese and ultimately taken to one of their worst prison camps in which Louse's survival is based on the faith he has of one day seeing his family again.