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Honoring Those Who Died Serving - 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Perspective is a difficult thing, we all have one

What is the point of Memorial Day? The Sales, To Honor

Those who long enjoyed such privilege as we enjoy forget in time men died to win them. FDR

What happens when we take the sacrifices for granted?

“It’s a Free Country” Fighting for my “RIGHTS” very earthly.

What does it say about our sense of entitlement?

How does entitlement hinder thankfulness?

Sacrifice? If I let you have your way I won’t get my way

It takes a great cause for people to decide they would offer their life for the sake of such a cause.

Courage: Vulnerability, Uncertainty, Risk, Emotional Exposure

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Left, then returned to Germany

The Martyrs: Is what you are living for worth dying for?

John the Baptist, Stephen, James, Peter, Paul, Ignatius, Polycarp,

Belinda, Perpetua, 7000 to 8000 a year presently dying.

We are in the midst of conflict

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood

The enemy will try to pollute, dilute or distort

Timothy & Maura Egypt 286 Diocletian Persecution

Mt 13:24-26 The enemy sowed the seed when we were sleeping

Proverbs 25:26 Like a muddied spring the righteous give way

James 1:27 keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 4:1-8 Friend of the world becomes an enemy of God

We fight with superior weaponry Agatha 251, Lucy, Agnus,

2 Corinthians 10:2-5 Our weapons are not of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Ephesians 6:14-18 so you can stand your ground.

Armor is so you can stand against the devil’s schemes: Truth, righteousness, Foundation of Gospel of Peace, shielded by faith,

Knowing your salvation, with the sword of the word of God.

Following our Superior

Mark 10:42-45 Will we remain faithful to the end? So others can see.

Matt 5:43-48 Faithful to Jesus’ way – Jesus Stepped Outside

Our Response: We are here to serve not be served, Be Courageous