### **INTRODUCTION**

## **Today is Veteran's Day!**

At 5:00 in the morning on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month of 1918, in a railroad car outside Compiégne, France, the Armistice was signed which ended WW1. This day was first known as Armistice Day. Later it was changed to Veteran's Day. It is a day that has been set aside to honor ALL VETERANS, both living and dead who have served in the military of the United States of America. Today, we honor the countless number of men and women who have served our nation through military service. But How? How do we best honor those who have placed themselves in harms way for us? Is it in the words we offer? The red, white and blue we wear? The Facebook memes we post? There must be a better, more substantial way to respond, to thank, to honor.

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

# -- President George Washington

Some people refuse to accept their calling because they have observed how others were treated in certain positions. And then, there are those who say as Paul did when faced with persecution, none of these things move me.

# <u>Examples of Veteran Bible Generals of Faith</u> <u>Examples of Generals in American History</u>

Abraham	Elisha	Washington	Sherman
Isaac	Deborah	Eisenhauer	Colon Powell
Jacob	Mary Magdalene	Bradley	Patraeus

Samuel David Patton Benjamin O. Davis Elijah The Apostle MacArthur Chesty Puller Schwarzkoff

# **Modern Veteran Generals of Faith**

Smith Wigglesworth	Charles Stanley	John Olsteen
John Seymore	Tony Evans	Lester Sumrall
Katherine Kuhlman	Billy Graham	Myles Munroe
William Branham	TD Jakes	Kenneth Copeland
Oral Roberts	Benny Hinn	*Tim and Kelly Franklin
Kenneth Hagin		

Tonight, we will observe veterans who served and continue to serve in a physical natural army with training, preparation, dedication, and commitment. Likewise, we will observe veterans who served and continue to serve by training, preparing, dedicating and committing their lives to a spiritual, supernatural army, The Lord's Army, who's Commander in Chief is Jesus Christ, the Anointed One and His anointing, the Ancient of Days. And this army answers to Him only. Let's go!

#### Joshua 5:13-15

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

**The takeaway:** The LORD JESUS CHRIST stands before His Church as the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of heaven's armies.

The Lord's Army is a reference to members of the Christian faith who accept the calling of God, put on the armor of God and fight the good fight against the enemy joining forces with other Christian soldiers who choose to link shields and fight.

**VETERAN:** A veteran is one who has served in the armed forces, especially one who has served in combat. It is especially applied to those who served for an entire career, usually of 20 years or more, and may be applied for someone who has only served one tour of duty. Another definition of **VETERAN** is: a person who has had long experience in a particular field.

The Apostle Paul preached for over 30 years before he was martyred at the hands of Nero, the Roman emperor. HE WAS A VETERAN IN THE ARMY OF THE LORD. He was nearing the end of his life and he wanted to pass some advice down to young Timothy.

A young recruit in the army of the Lord. A young soldier preparing for battle.

The apostle Paul and those who first read his epistles would have been well acquainted with the concept of a military army. The presence of the professional soldiers in the imperial Roman army could be found in virtually every place where the early seeds of Christianity were sown. So when Paul used a military metaphor to describe the Christian life, it was something that people understood.

And there are several places in the New Testament where this soldier analogy is used to speak of Christian experience.

In Philippians 2:25, Paul referred to Epaphroditus as his "fellow-soldier." In the 2nd verse of Philemon, Paul referred to Archippus as a "fellow-soldier." In speaking of the financial support of those in ministry in 1 Corinthians 9:7, Paul used the comparison of soldiers whose rations and expenses are provided by the army in which the soldier serves. Paul said, "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges?" In Ephesians 6:10–18, Paul talked about truth, faith, righteousness, and other aspects of Christianity as being the "armour of God" (vs. 13).

It was a great honor for the Roman soldier to be branded with a hot iron to identify him as a soldier. The scar from a war wound was also something for the soldier to be proud of. It was such a soldier's branding or scar that Paul had in mind when he said in Galatians 6:17, "... I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus."

"History teaches that war begins when governments believe the price of aggression is cheap."

#### -Ronald Reagan

#### **Patriotism**

The dictionary definition of patriotism is "love for or devotion to one's country." That's all simple ... ... "Patriotism: Believing in God first and country second," said one person. Special affection for one's own country.

- A sense of personal identification with the country
- Special concern for the well-being of the country
- Willingness to sacrifice to promote the country's good
- Enlistment

Patriotism among believers toward a holy, supernatural nation is real. As a citizen of a supernatural country and an enlisted soldier of a supernatural army, how is patriotism identified? By the same points identified above. And according to how strongly we believe and determined to govern our lives by these points will determine how effective we will be as spiritual soldiers and citizens.

"If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live."

### -Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**2Timothy2:3-4** Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. {4} No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

In keeping with our military metaphor, the writer of Hebrews called this Savior the "captain of our salvation" in Hebrews 2:10. Saul had been on the warpath fighting against the cause of Christ. But when we see him going into battle in Acts chapter 9, the best way I can describe what happened is to use a Bible term that has to do with a stronger force bringing an opponent to their knees. Saul was DISCOMFITED by Jesus. The Bible says...

Acts 9:1-5 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, {2} And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. {3} And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: {4} And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? {5} And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

#### **Selective Service**

There is a selective service-"CHOSEN TO BE A SOLDIER" chosen ... to be a soldier - Greek 4758. stratologeo, strat-olog-eh'-o; (in its orig. sense); to gather (or select) as a warrior, i.e. enlist in the army:--choose to be a soldier.

A **draft** is the mandatory enrollment of individuals into the armed forces. The United States military has been all-volunteer since 1973. ... The Selective Service System is the agency that registers men and is responsible for running a draft.

**The Oath of Enlistment** is something that every service member must promise and adhere to for his/her entire military career. From the Oath, you can see that you will be defending the Constitution - not a person. Discipline and accepting orders is sworn to.

"I, (name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the president of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed.....".

#### The Believers Oath of Enlistment

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior".

**This oath does not expire.** Charles Spurgeon said, "From the hour of our spiritual birth, the sworn enemies of sin, the enlisted warriors of the Cross; to fight on for Jesus till life's latest hour. (And we should) look upon every young convert

as a recruit; not merely as one who has been himself saved, but as having within his new-born nature the possibilities of a good soldier of Jesus Christ". (From The Biblical Illustrator)

### **Our Savior, Commander of Gods Armies**

While the statement "I serve at the pleasure of the President" has been used as far back as the 1700s, the recent emphasis on unwavering loyalty and obedience to the President seems to be new. The phrase was originally intended to mean that White House staff are 'at will' employees and can be let go without a substantive reason.

The phrase "I serve at the pleasure of" is commonly used in reference to royal leaders, such as "I serve at Her Majesty's pleasure." A member of the King's Court might use that phrase. It conveys a kind of absolute unquestioning loyalty and subservience.

#### **Commissioned**

Commissioning is done to ensure the President is fully accountable for what the military does in defense of the nation, and this is why officers serve at the pleasure of the President. ... This binds the power and accountability of the commander-in-chief, the executive, to all military command positions.

Therefore, discipleship is so critical.

Discipleship is so important that Pastor Tim and Pastor Kelly have placed highly capable ministers like Bruce and Darla Paddon to provide discipleship classes to new and veteran converts so that they will receive proper training as a new recruit how to become disciplined in the word, in their prayer lives, which are beyond the doors of the church. Most importantly in the battlefield. Also, to know their identity and their MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY (MOS). It's the occupation you train for to do the job you will have assigned to you.

It's when we stand in our proper place, according to our abilities, we see the results in battle.

Judges 7:21 "...And they stood every man in his place round about the camp....."

#### **Spiritual Gifts**

When soldiers enlist in the Army, they are tested to see which service they are best suited for. The Army has four main fighting units: Infantry, Armoured, Artillery and Engineers. However, these corps would be unable to fulfil their missions without support from other corps such as Medical, Transport, Ordnance, Intelligence, Signals, and Aviation. Each corps needs soldiers to fulfil these roles, and all are necessary for proper function of the whole.

### Be combat ready at all time

Since we are in the middle of spiritual warfare, we are called to enlist in God's Army. We have been selected! God has bestowed a special gift on each Christian soldier to overcome any problem arising in the Devil's kingdom. As with any army, there are many corps in God's Army, each one essential for success of the whole. We must remember that whatever our spiritual gift, it is no more important than another because each role is dependent on others to function. Likewise, no matter what our spiritual gift, it does not excuse us from being combat-ready at all times. God expects all His soldiers to give, help, study, evangelize and pray. (Ephesians 4:11,12)

"The soldier is the Army. No army is better than its soldiers. The Soldier is also a citizen. In fact, the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country."

-General George S. Patton

#### **Endurance**

<u>2Timothy2:3</u> Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

To endure hardness - Greek 2553. kakopatheo, kak-op-ath-eh'-o; to undergo hardship--be afflicted, endure afflictions (hardness), suffer trouble.

The UBS (United Bible Societies) New Testament Handbook says that...

In much the same way that a soldier patiently endures the hardships of boot camp, it is to prepare you for the battles you will face. Soldiers of faith must also endure the hardships that come their way as a result of their faithfulness to the Christian way of life as exemplified by Jesus Christ himself.

The Roman soldiers of Paul's day were the toughest, most disciplined, and most efficient soldiers in the world. Paul had known many of them, and their example was in his mind when he reminded Timothy that he was a "soldier of Jesus Christ." He had been enlisted the moment he had accepted Christ. He needed to learn to "endure hardness."

A good soldier does not quit just because he faces a difficult task or a dangerous situation. He/she knows that their life is expendable, and they must be prepared to lay it down when required.

The word translated "endure hardness" means literally "to suffer evil, to suffer trouble, to endure affliction." God does not hand out brochures offering all kinds of fringe benefits to those who become Christians. On the contrary, He enlists them as soldiers and calls upon them to engage in a battle that will not end until their death or until the Lord returns. Even as Paul wrote, he was an embattled warrior, a prisoner of war who was sentenced to death. He would remain faithful to the end, and he wanted Timothy to have as much endurance as he did.

And you and I are veterans of a spiritual, holy army. Ambassadors of heaven and joint heirs with the Commander of the Lords Armies, the King of Glory, the Lord God mighty in battle, and your assignment is to:

- > Speak those things that be not as though they were
- > Declare the word of the Lord in Godless places and impossible circumstances and situations
- > Lay hands and heal the sick
- > Raise the dead
- > Command angels
- > Speak blessings and favor into existence
- > Speak life where the power of death resides
- Cast out devils
- > Speak prophetically into the future things to come
- > See with spiritual eyes into a supernatural world
- > Pray in a heavenly language hell cannot translate
- > Break every chain of the devil
- > Speak with the power of death and life
- > Recharge and renew your strength by simply waiting on the Lord, run and not get tired

This is why the word says we are **more than** conquerors through Him that loved us.

#### **Christian Soldiers**

When you enlist in the military, you are a soldier in name only. Only after undergoing basic training in military skills and learning obedience to authority will you know how to function as part of a unit. Then you are truly called a soldier. When you believe Christ died on your behalf for your sins, you become (in-Christ) a Christian soldier. At that moment you are usually not aware you have just enlisted in God's Army - a career that is eternal and not optional. Conscription in many nations is mandatory for all able-bodied persons. New Christians, regardless of 'physical' circumstances, are all able 'spiritual' bodies. Isn't that awesome?!And, as in the military, enlistment is just the beginning. To overcome life's many adversities Christian soldiers must be trained to use spiritual weapons and armor. The Bible contains our orders and instructions (a clever acronym for the BIBLE is: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth).

# **Drill Instructors/Drill Sergeants**

Drill Instructors are the teachers of God's Word. They drill us in spiritual skills on how to get in step with the Christian walk and work as a team. Sadly, at one time or another many Christian soldiers soon go AWOL (Absent Without Leave). God neither rebukes nor discharges anyone, but patiently awaits their return (like the father of the prodigal son). Once back in rank, by following Biblical orders and practicing our spiritual skills, we become exemplary Christian soldiers not only in name, but in thought and deed. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

## When Bullets Start Flying

Soldiers who have fought in battles say that when bullets start flying the mind goes blank and switches to autopilot. This is where proper training is of paramount importance. Soldiers cannot be expected to be effective in battle if they have been shown something only once. They must be drilled in military skills until those skills become second nature. Then when the bullets start flying, trained soldiers will automatically respond with the appropriate action or maneuver without conscious thought of what should be done. There are many battles in the Christian way of life. At any moment we may suddenly find ourselves attacked for our beliefs. When the bullets start flying, if we are not prepared, we will not have an appropriate answer or action to defend our faith. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:11

#### Calling in Support is simply praying

Soldiers on the ground can call air-support in times of need. To do this, they simply get on their radio, make their request and give the coordinates. Christian soldiers on earth can call for heavenly support in times of need. We simply get on our radio (prayer), make our request and give the coordinates (petition and intercession). We must have faith our prayers are heard and do get answered. The answers are seldom in the manner and timing we desire, but when we truly trust that God knows best, even if we receive a 'no' to our prayer request, we are assured that God is working all things for good (Romans 8:28). If we are steadfast, even when it seems we lose battle after battle, we can be confident the war will be won and God will be glorified through our life. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

# **Prayer Snipers**

Snipers are among the most feared soldiers in warfare. They are seldom seen and can cause complete disruption to the enemy's plans. Snipers are patient soldiers who excel in marksmanship and are experts at concealment. They use long-range rifles, usually equipped with silencers, so as not to draw attention to themselves. A good sniper does not waste bullets – every shot must hit its target. God desires His Christian soldiers to be trained up as prayer-snipers – elite spiritual warriors, whose prayers always hit the mark and cause complete disruption to the enemy's (Satan's) plans.

### **The Spiritual War**

A war usually consists of many battles. These encounters often decide the outcome of the war. Nevertheless, a General may lose a battle but win the war - and vice versa - a General can win a battle but lose the war. You see, the war has already been won and all that is left are the battles. Christ won the war at the cross and his victory was complete, but still the battles continue. Whether we win or lose our personal battles, or how many times the Devil seems victorious, we can rest assured - the war has been won and victory is ours. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33

"It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle."

# -General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

# **Military Regulations**

A soldier was all a fluster - she didn't know what she should do while on duty. She saw her Commanding Officer and pleaded: 'Sir, I beg you, tell me what I need to do?' The Commanding Officer patiently directed the soldier to a large file. 'Private, all that you need has been clearly written in the regulations. Every soldier has been commanded to become familiar with those orders. Read them and follow the instructions. Do that and you will have no problems completing your duty.'

Often, we Christian soldiers are very flippant with our prayers to our Commanding Officer (God). True, we can ask Him anything and He will always be patient with us, but for the most, God points us to our Routine Orders in the Bible. It was written for our benefit. All Scripture is God-breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God might be mature, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16-17) As good Christian soldiers we should become familiar with our Biblical orders. If we know and follow our Divine instructions we will avoid much of life's pitfalls and be thoroughly equipped to complete our individual duty. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

#### Tests

Very few people like tests; however, they are good indicators of our readiness for certain undertakings.

Tests are usually given in controlled environments so, should we fail, the damage will be minimal. For example, in the military, if we cannot pass basic weapon handling it demonstrates to ourselves and others that we are not yet ready for combat. Why does God test us? He already knows our capabilities. We undergo testing to gain confidence and to demonstrate to ourselves and others that we can handle certain situations. If we were to venture untested into certain ministries, we may be accidents just waiting to happen – a danger to ourselves and those around us. We could shoot our mouths off at the wrong time or do things without thinking and cause immeasurable damage. If we remain faithful to God's plan one thing is certain – we will eventually face testing. He will engineer many controlled circumstances so as to practice our spiritual skills. But not to worry - God doesn't test us beyond what we can handle. 'So far you have faced no trial beyond human endurance; God keeps faith and will not let you be tested beyond your powers, but when the test comes He will at the same time provide a way out and so enable you to endure.' 1 Corinthians 10:13 REB

### **Spiritual-War-Memorial**

A War Memorial is a monumental structure which commemorates the sacrifice of men and women in times of war. Nations build these structures so citizens will remember the names of gallant heroes who have faithfully, bravely and at great personal cost served their country. **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial** is a 2-acre U.S. national memorial in Washington, D.C. It honors service members of the U.S. armed forces who fought in the Vietnam War, service members

who died in service in Vietnam/South East Asia, and those service members who were unaccounted for during the war. Take a moment to ask: 'How will I be remembered at the Spiritual-War-Memorial? Does my life bring glory to God?' If we are truthful, we'll most likely admit we spend most of our time chasing and doing things that have no eternal significance. We can change that by choosing to don the Armour-of-God and serve our Heavenly Nation.

When we spend time in God's Word and start applying His Truth to our lives, our actions and prayers will be effective in the Spiritual War raging around us. If we faithfully stay at our post, our names will certainly appear among the honored. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved his appearing". 2 Timothy 4:7-8

"The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

#### -- Abraham Lincoln

# Combat veterans are often diagnosed with PTSD.

Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a psychiatric disorder that may occur in people who have experienced or witnessed a traumatic event such as a natural disaster, a serious accident, a terrorist act, war/combat, or rape or who have been threatened with death, sexual violence or serious injury.

People with PTSD have intense, disturbing thoughts and feelings related to their experience that last long after the traumatic event has ended. They may relive the event through flashbacks or nightmares; they may feel sadness, fear or anger; and they may feel detached or estranged from other people. People with PTSD may avoid situations or people that remind them of the traumatic event, and they may have strong negative reactions to something as ordinary as a loud noise or an accidental touch.

#### **Symptoms of PTSD in Spiritual Combat Veterans (Believers)**

God, as always, loves us and provides a cure to our spiritual PTSD, and each and every one of us has access to His healing remedy. Spiritual PTSD sometimes is glaring and slaps us in the face. The symptoms fall into the same 4 symptom clusters we see in any PTSD survivor:

- 1. **Trauma is re-experienced** experiences such as feeling lonely, confused, insecure, inadequate, isolated, guilty, pain, abandoned, victimized, unloved, rejected, or devalued; existential fear, confusion, and questions about why I'm here, what happens when I die, is this all there is, or feeling no purpose, passion, or motivation.
- 2. **Avoidance of trauma-related stimuli** avoidance of God, church, and the Bible; refusal to submit to God's authority or call Him Lord; mistrust, lack of faith, inability to believe in God, His principles, His promises, or the Bible; not accepting God's forgiveness, mercy, or grace; not wanting to be around other Christians; afraid of spiritual discussions or talk of sin and Hell; difficulty recognizing or acknowledging certain behaviors as sin.
- 3. **Negative alterations in cognitions and mood** pride, arrogance, me-centered thinking, entitlement, sadness, anxiety, and fear; being tricked by other religions; developing other idols in the form of addictions or life interfering behaviors or thought patterns; periodic confusion about life course and why events happen; trouble finding and sustaining happiness or joy.
- 4. **Alterations in arousal and reactivity** agitated, lack of peace, overwhelmed, hyper busy with non-God activities, argumentative towards the truth, not accepting of Biblical principles; restless with life pursuits, bouncing from activity to activity hoping it will settle you or take away your psychospiritual discomfort.

The trauma of being separated from God powerfully disrupts our lives, especially when we don't let God into our hearts and don't accept the forgiveness He so freely desires to give.

#### **Conclusion:**

We spoke of honor, duty, respect, loyalty, selfless service, and personal courage. Army Values that soldiers live by. All applicable to veterans of the faith who also live by the attributes of the Spirit spoken in love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Galations 5:22-23

In conclusion, these values and attributes fit this beautiful story told in **Samuel 23:13-17.** 13 Towards the beginning of harvest three of the thirty[a] chiefs went down to join David at the cave of Adullam, while a band of Philistines was encamped in the valley of Rephaim. 14 David was then in the stronghold; and the garrison of the Philistines was then at Bethlehem. 15 David said longingly, "O that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate!" 16 Then the three warriors broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and brought it to David. But he would not drink of it; he poured it out to the Lord, 17 for he said, "The Lord forbid that I should do this. Can I drink the blood of the men who went at the risk of their lives?" Therefore, he would not drink it. The three warriors did these things.

The context? David is embroiled in a battle with the Philistines, who at this point in the saga are encamped at Bethlehem (David's hometown). David is thirsty, tired, and feeling more than a little homesick.

Then, speaking off the cuff, David makes this comment in passing: "you know what I'd really love? I'd love a drink of that fresh water from the well near the gate in Bethlehem." Without saying a word, three of his best veteran warriors sneak out (without David's knowledge) and they break through the Philistine line. They draw out a cup from the special well and bring it back to David.

David is standing there now, with this cup in his hand, speechless. He is moved, visibly. He is overwhelmed by the selflessness and sacrifice of these three men. Indeed, he is so moved that do you know what he does? He refuses to drink the water. He can't bring himself to do it. These men had risked their lives to bring it to him. Simply consuming it seemed an inappropriate response to such valor.

So instead? He pours it out. He empties the cup upon the ground, as a "sacrifice before the Lord." Perhaps that is our answer. Our best and most fitting response on Veteran's Day. The fact is that you and I have been handed a cup. This cup has been filled with freedom and security and liberty. And the truth is we can't just drink the cup. We can't just chug it, and be refreshed. Authentic gratitude demands more. This cup has come to us at great sacrifice and loss, not only to veterans, but also to spouses, parents, and children of veterans. Perhaps our response to them should be the same as David's. David honored those three warriors by choosing NOT to just **consume** their gift. He honored them, by pouring out what had been given to him. To truly honor veterans, and veteran soldiers of the gospel, is not simply to laud them with ribbons, medals or parades.

Let's do that too. But let's do more! Let's determine ways to actually **pour out** our lives in response! To all who have served, I say thank you. To all who have been served, I ask:

What will you do with the cup in your hand?