

What Jesus Wants! Part 6: "One-More Soldiers!"

"Do you know what I want from you?" –Jesus

Evangelists... Who realize they don't have to be theologians with a five point spiel... People who can share the good news of personal interaction with God! People who have recovered from sickness because He is the Healer... Divorcees who know God is the God of restoration... People brought back to life from bondage and living death! Sowers of seed, speakers of words of the great things God has done!

Soldiers... 1. "The seven values of the U.S. Army are loyalty, duty, respect, selfless services, honor, integrity and personal courage. Together, they form the acronym LDRSHIP." 2. Qualities of a good soldier include reliability, fearlessness, discipline, consistency, courage, motivation and skill. *Good soldiers must also be prepared to exceed their abilities, show diligence in getting tasks completed* while staying focused on safety. 3. Since soldiers are involved in risky and dangerous situations, they must subscribe to the philosophy that *no one is left behind*. Good soldiers must *possess courage* in their abilities to protect and defend, *to fearlessly trudge forward when faced with danger*, to secure and safeguard fellow soldiers. They must be *disciplined* when faced with orders, *fearless* when entering combat and *diligent* to follow through with commands and complete their mission. *Consistency* in all things is an important quality.

Soldiers... "Those who know their God will be strong and do exploits!" **Dan 11.32** "Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Put on the whole armor so that you may be able to withstand in the evil day..." **Eph 6.10,13** "Be strong in the grace (gifts, favor, benefits,) that is in Christ... endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man at war entangles himself in the affairs of this life so that he can please the one who has chosen him to be a soldier!" **2Tim 2.1ff**

Soldiers... "Follow" their commander! "The LORD your God who goes before you, will fight for you, as He did in the past!" **Deuteronomy 1.30** "The LORD your God goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you." **Deuteronomy 20.4** "Be strong and courageous, unafraid and calm in the face of your multiple enemies. With them may be the arm of flesh but with us is the Lord our God to help us and fight our battles!" **2Chronicles 32.7,8**

Soldiers... Familiar with the weapons God gives! "The weapons of our warfare *are not carnal* but mighty through God to pull down strongholds!" **2Corinthians 10.4** "The *belt* of truth, the *breastplate* of righteousness, the *cleated boots* of the gospel, the *shield* of faith, *helmet* of salvation, the *sword* of the Spirit – which is *the word of God!*" **Eph 6.14-17** "This charge I commit to you according to *the prophecies* which were spoken to you, that *by them* you might war a good warfare!" **1Timothy 1.18**

Soldiers... Fight a good fight! 2Timothy 4.6-8 "Do not yield yourself as weapons of unrighteousness but yield yourselves to God, as those who are alive from the dead, as weapons of righteousness for God!" **Romans 6.13** "Knowing the time, it is high time to awake! The night is spent, the day is at hand, cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light!" **Romans 13.12** "Like the valiant men of Issachar who understood their times and knew what to do!" **1Chronicles 7.5 12.32**

Soldiers... Fight to win! "Seeing we have this ministry, by the mercy of God, we faint not!" **2Cor 4.1ff** "In all things approve yourselves as the ministers of God... by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the

armor of righteousness..." **2Cor 6.4,7** *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith and there is a crown that the Lord will give me and all that love his appearing. **2Timothy 4.7,8**
"Consider Jesus... so that you don't faint in your mind!" **Hebrews 12.3***

Soldiers... Find the strength to save "one more!"

"I am now ready to be offered up, the time of my departure is at hand..." **2Timothy 4.6** "But I want Christ magnified through my life, whether in living or dying. To live is fruit for Christ but to die is gain. I am in a strait between two choices, I want to go home to be with Christ which is far better for me, but staying here is more beneficial for you... So, here's what I've decided, I am going to stay for, and continue with, you for your advancement and joy of faith..." **Philippians 1.20-25**

Clip #1 from Hacksaw Ridge

God's Soldiers... Search in the darkness, in enemy territory, among the dead, for the barely living, lame, and blind! Search... wounded, bleeding, tired, at personal risk and cost! Know the day is coming when they will be rewarded by their Commander in the presence of their loved ones! Are willing to stand out, suffer rejection as outcasts, from worldly people for the sake of serving the Lord! Realize how important Godly leaders, servers, are to those around them!

Clip #2 from Hacksaw Ridge

Having a biblical worldview of life, purpose, and mission is an all important issue!

"Will you join the battle for the souls of mankind just because I am asking?" –Jesus