

Zoe!
Part 8: Never want to say, 'I should have!'
Slide Notations

NY Video: "A hero is a man doing what he can..."

Dakota Meyer

Dakota and Staff Sgt. Juan Rodriguez-Chavez could hear the ambush over the radio. It was as if the whole valley was exploding. Taliban fighters were unleashing a firestorm from the hills, from the stone houses, even from the local school. Soon, the patrol was pinned down, taking ferocious fire from three sides. Men were being wounded and killed, and four Americans -- Dakota's friends -- were surrounded. Four times, Dakota and Juan asked permission to go in; four times they were denied. It was, they were told, too dangerous. But, "Those were my brothers, and I couldn't just sit back and watch." The story of what Dakota did next will be told for generations. He told Juan they were going in. Juan jumped into a Humvee and took the wheel; Dakota climbed into the turret and manned the gun. They were defying orders, but they were doing what they thought was right. So they drove straight into a killing zone, Dakota's upper body and head exposed to a blizzard of fire from AK-47s and machine guns, from mortars and rocket-propelled grenades. Five times they went back into the inferno, wounds bleeding, swerving to avoid explosions, fighting off insurgents running up to the side of the Humvee. Dakota later said, "I didn't think I was going to die. I knew I was going to die! I never thought I was going to come out!" 36 men are alive today and four brought home because of his courage!

"I would do it a hundred times, though I would change only one thing: I wish I could have kept them alive."

Last Week! "They are out there waiting for you..." And you said you wanted Him and His kingdom! The Veil was torn and the way was opened for us to come to God and to become partakers of His Divine nature!

Nature of God! Humility!

"Being equal to God He took on the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men and being found that way He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death!" **Ph2.6-8** Jesus mirrored God and modeled/life! God humbled Himself/obedient to death of His dear Son!

Lover of our souls!

No one can doubt His love for us/He gave His Son so that we could be saved! **J3.16** God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died! **R5.8** We were justified freely by His grace thru the redemption that is in Jesus! **R3.24** Herein is love, not that we loved Him, but the He loved us and made a sacrifice for our sins; He sent His Son into the world that we might live thru Him! ! **1J4.9,10**

Rescuer of mankind!

"Jesus was slain from the foundation of the world!" **Rev 13.8** "God had a wisdom hidden away from before the world for our glory that if the rulers of this world had known they would have never crucified the Lord. But it was prerecorded that "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit." **1Cor 2.7-10**

Sharing the Divine Nature...

A heart to save! "Trapped and helpless..." "Going in though may not be coming out!" A plan for the glory of others... "out of nowhere they came... zombies! What is your plan to rescue the people around you? Let it be full of hidden wisdom!

Your plan... "this has to get better organized and we need to do it!" "don't leave us, please don't leave us here, we need help!" *We have the only way out – and in...* **"Best when everyone is helping!"** "never seen that many come together that fast!" "working all day long, as many as we could hold and there are a lot of people!" **"average people**

who stepped up when they needed to! “Couldn’t plan nothing...” “No training... just people doing what they needed to do!” Morally right way to go!” “Just can’t sit back and watch them die!” “Head straight into the killing zone!” “Keep going back in until they are saved!” Ten deep trying to get out – “Even if I save one, one less to die/suffer!”

Pay off...

“All of us have a hero in there, if you look in, it’s there, it’ll come out!”

“Greatest day of my life...”

“Greatest thing I have ever seen in my life...”

“Honored to be part of it...”

“A man actually came up to me and thanked me for saving his son...”

Never want to say, “I should have!”

Decorated... by God... before the hosts of Heaven!