

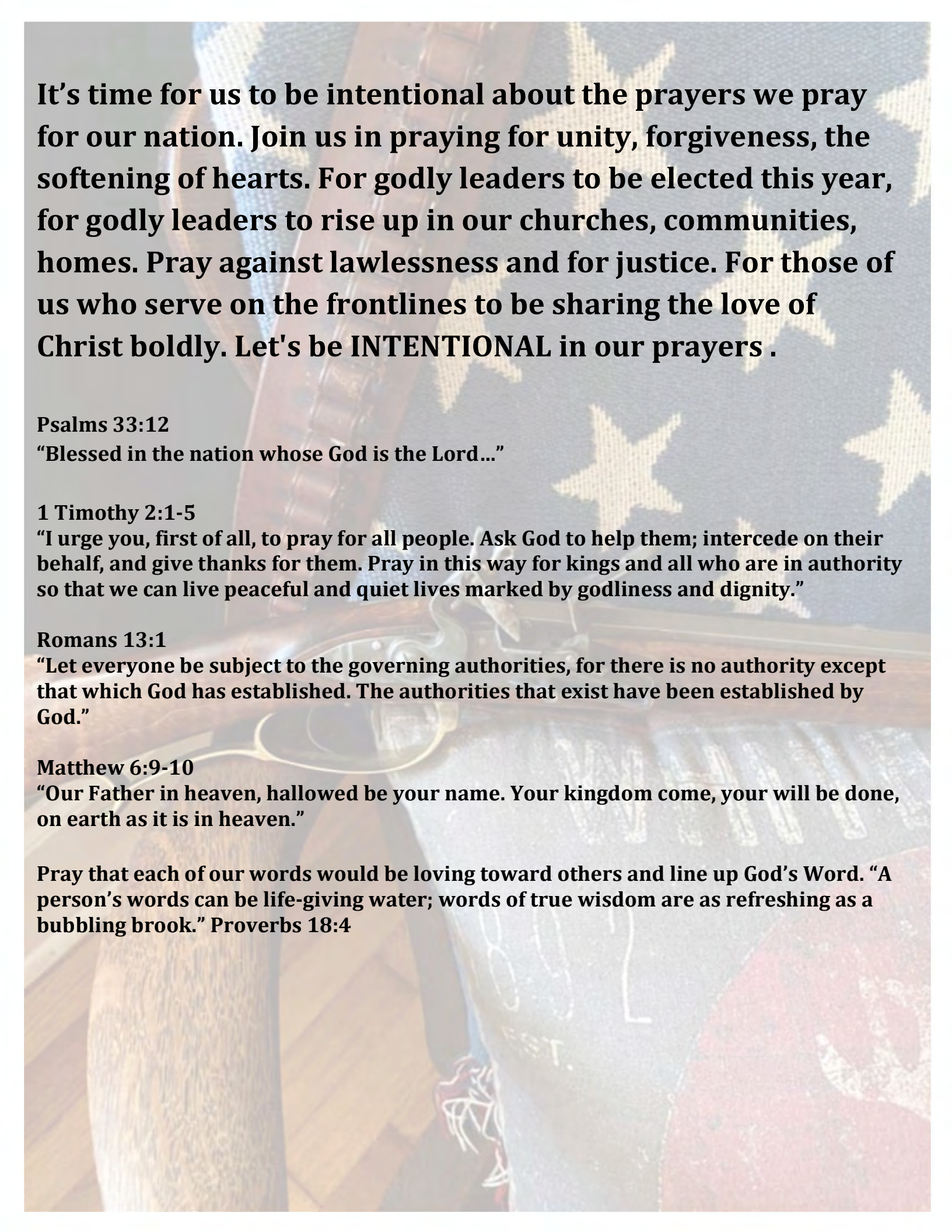
# WARRIOR FAMILY MINISTRIES

JULY 2020

**CHAPLAINS  
LEAD THE  
WAY**

**BEING USED  
THROUGH COVID-19**

**12 WEEKS  
OF SUMMER**



**It's time for us to be intentional about the prayers we pray for our nation. Join us in praying for unity, forgiveness, the softening of hearts. For godly leaders to be elected this year, for godly leaders to rise up in our churches, communities, homes. Pray against lawlessness and for justice. For those of us who serve on the frontlines to be sharing the love of Christ boldly. Let's be INTENTIONAL in our prayers .**

**Psalms 33:12**

**"Blessed in the nation whose God is the Lord..."**

**1 Timothy 2:1-5**

**"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray in this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity."**

**Romans 13:1**

**"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."**

**Matthew 6:9-10**

**"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."**

**Pray that each of our words would be loving toward others and line up God's Word. "A person's words can be life-giving water; words of true wisdom are as refreshing as a bubbling brook." Proverbs 18:4**

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## Prayer For Our Nation - July 4th

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Join us as we become intentional about praying for our nation. Kick-off July 4th.



## Being Used Through COVID

Chaplains serve on the frontlines of our nation. During this time of uncertainty, COVID, political climate, riots, and disasters our Chaplains still step up to the plate with a servant leader's heart.



## 12 Weeks Of Summer

Summer runs from June 21 through September 22. Enjoy some positive news.... from the WORD.

## Seasons

My 10-year-old daughter was reading silly questions from a “Table Topics” game that she got from Chick-fil-a. While swinging back and forth on our front porch swing on that breezy summer morning, she asked me, “Dad, if you could eliminate or add any season, what would it be?”

I started thinking...*hmm, I'd love to get rid of Winter because it's so doggone cold..or maybe even Spring because of my allergies...*

But then I realized that although it was just a silly question, how often do we wish to eliminate the season we are going through in life? *No more Covid, no more riots, no more turmoil and hatred.* I was thinking selfishly, thinking about what would be most comfortable for *me*. We all do it, at least from time to time.

But God has a reason for every season, and without winter there would be no time for rest for new Life to begin. Without Spring, the new life wouldn't have time to establish itself to survive the summer heat.

God has a reason for everything.

*“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:”*

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

And just like now, when the world seems so filled with hatred and wickedness, as much as I would like to eliminate this season and add a season of **REVIVAL**, God has a reason for this season. God only knows what great purpose He has for this season...and what purpose He has for **you** as you endure it.

For *“we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope..”* (Romans 5:3-4)

In the meantime—in the waiting, bundle up in the full Armor of God and endure this season in prayer, loving the Lord and one another as we are commanded. As a Warrior Family Chaplain, God can use you during this season to be a beacon of hope in a hopeless world. Something as simple as encouraging someone in a moment of frustration or checking in on a friend you know may be struggling.

*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”*  
(Matthew 5:14)

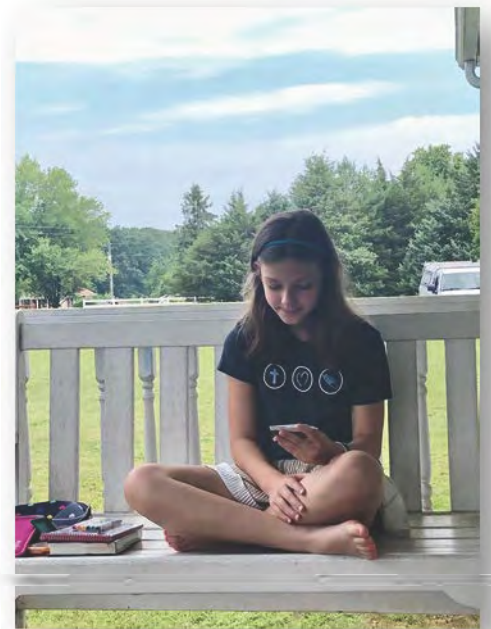
Stand firm, and walk the righteous path. This dark world cannot overcome the light of Christ! **You** have great purpose in all seasons, including the darkest ones.

If you find yourself struggling today, remember you are a soldier in an **army** of Chaplains who are here to pray for you, lift you up, and listen to you. You are never alone.

Pro Tip: Simply turning off the news or unplugging from social media and getting out into God's Creation works wonders. Remember your therapies! (Gardening, motorcycles, kayaking, hiking, biking, art, fishing, etc.)

*“The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining brighter and brighter until midday.”*  
(Proverbs 4:18)

God bless you all, my brothers and sisters! It is my honor to serve with you on **MISSION for CHRIST**. **Lord, help us to endure this season. Help us to be a reflection of the Light of Jesus Christ, and speak life into others. Lord we know you are in control. Show us your Glory, Father, and use this for good for those who love you. Amen! Chaplain Jonathan Hickory**



## A Word From Our Creative Team

I hope you enjoy this recent Summer's edition of Warrior Family Ministries magazine. I first want to thank Brenda Swartz Co- founder for this edition in this season of uncertainty when this was all put together to share Gods hope, light and his heart for our Nation.

It all started one night in March are very first zoom call with our family of chaplains sharing, praying for this season of 2020 Covid-19 Virus that swept our world and nation. After that call I heard the Fathers heart weep so heavily for this country our Four Father's had built. How I asked and what can bring your light and the creative” \_voice” \_you gave your children to share in this time of darkness?

With this edition of Warrior Family Ministries magazine God used his glory to shine through his sons and daughters the gifts that were given to them to help others find his creation, peace, hope and love that never fades. I'm humbled to be apart of this special gift that will touch many and change lives in the days ahead.

Ch. Jackie Walton



## Perseverance

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (KJV) "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

About 30 years ago I memorized this scripture in the King James Version. What does this mean though? I set out to not just memorize what it said but do it. Later I found in Colossians 3:17, " And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father." Through Him, I have tried to live my life using these 2 scriptures. Whatever I am called to do I do it to the best of my ability as if it is Jesus Christ Himself, I am doing it for.

This is too hard for me Lord, I cannot walk, I am in too much pain. He says to me "My silly child, you can do ALL things because I am carrying you. What they have done to you they have done much worse to me. You are my special daughter. I love you!" Use me Lord. I am your willing servant. I will do what I can to bring others to you show them your love and thank you for the privilege of serving you and others.

Chaplain Barbara Ann-Rodegeb Brennan

## The Old Water Pot



I'm an old pot. I've been carried to this well so many times I've lost count. I belonged to her mother and she kept me even though she had the opportunity to get newer and better ones. I still was her favorite. She had a way of balancing me on her head with an ease that had come from years of practice. Perched on top of her head, light as a feather, I sat empty and dry, waiting to be filled. I knew this routine well, we had done it hundreds of times, maybe thousands. Get filled, get emptied out, get filled again, get emptied out again. Although there were scrapes and scratches over my once beautiful outside the original design was still visible. How much longer I could be of service I don't know. As I said, I was getting old.

Lost in thought I swayed slightly back and forth with each step she took. All of a sudden she stopped in mid stride. I became alert. I heard her mumbling something about a man sitting there at the well. Then she kept going. Now this was unusual. Once we got to the well, she proceeded to lower me into the well. I heard muffled voices.

"Give me a drink," the man said. "Get it yourself," she answered. I shuddered. "Do you always have to be so rude," I thought to myself, "I don't mind sharing," I wanted to cry out. But she never asked me. I was just a vessel, silently doing its job. Then I heard him speak of living water. Something in me was awakened by the sound of this man's voice. Oh, how would I love to be filled with that kind of water. I only knew this well water. It was good and fresh but it was not living water, not the kind this man spoke about. This living water sounded like it had some supernatural kind of ability. "That's what I want," I wanted to shout but only a gurgling sound came out.

She pulled me up and they were still talking, arguing, debating. "Woman," I thought, "can you please stop and just listen to what he is saying? Please don't miss this."

He was incredibly patient with her, and with each word he spoke she seemed to soften and then she set me down on the ground, water spilling out all over. Whatever he had said affected her. She ran off, leaving me behind, crying out something like, "Come see a man who told me everything I ever did."

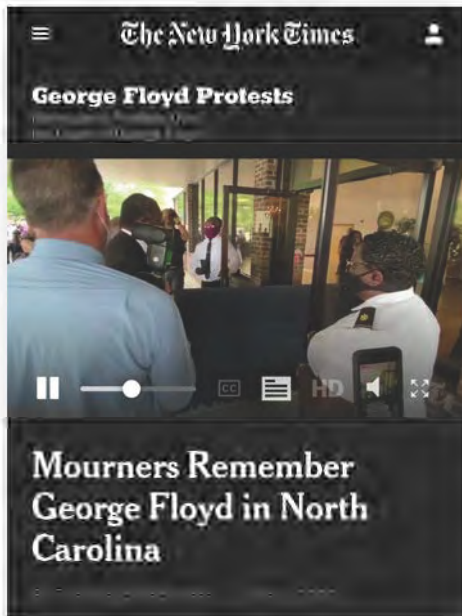
She had never before cast me aside like this. Was this it? Was I going to be replaced with a shiny new water pot? And what about me? But before I could dive into self-pity I felt myself lifted by strong hands, men's hands. The water I held was being poured out again, quenching the thirst of these men. They talked about how thankful they were that she had left me behind. They said they needed me. Although I was still trying to figure out what this living water was and how much I longed to be filled with it, I was so happy that I could help them and be of service to them. And when they left the well and walked into town with their leader, they took me along and returned me to my owner.

In a few short hours revival came to our village, the sick were healed, the demoniacs were freed. The people learned a new way of living. It was as if a well was opened, only from this well poured another kind of water. I knew it was not the kind that could be contained by an old water pot, or even a new one. Even the air was filled with an excitement and an energy that had been missing for so long. Jesus stayed in our village for three days, teaching and instructing the people. I could hear them talk about it until late into the night. Tired, worn out, sick, disillusioned and hopeless people were alive again. I heard them singing and praising God full of joy. This must be the living water the man had talked about. I could only hold water that quenched their physical thirst. But he had given them to drink the kind of water that quenched the deep thirst of their souls.

## **Mourning George Floyd in North Carolina**

by Chaplain Kim Kidd, Head Quarters

**It is easy to look at the news, especially the past few months, and feel helpless. It is easy to feel largely unaffected by top news stories if it is not affecting you directly. It is common, and the normal reaction to typically do nothing at all. Walking into a roll of a forerunner is not an easy step to take. You are taking on the responsibility of leading the way, leading the charge...leading the change.**

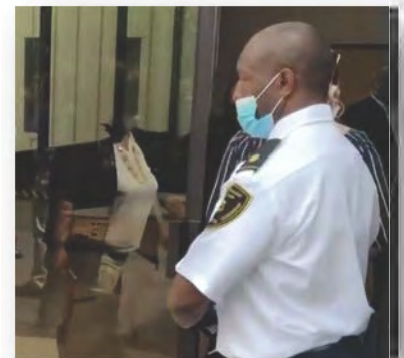


**One of the most humbling, life-changing and unifying opportunities that Warrior Family Ministries Chaplains has had is to be asked to be a part of the late George Floyd's public viewing, memorial service, and family funeral in Raeford, North Carolina. We took this responsibility with great honor and immediately began mobilizing teams, prayer warriors, virtual calls and support Chaplains to serve not only the city, public and Mr. Floyd's family, but also our own Chaplains providing support at the service.**

**A large company of Chaplains answered the call and served directly at the memorial, holding doors for the public, moving traffic, offering water, praying with those who asked and serving the family directly. We were humbled to gather as a team during such a somber time to be a source of strength, encouragement and prayer for those attending the memorial.**

**During the exact same time, what began at 9am, turned into an all-day vigil of healing, protection, covering and strength. Chaplains from across the country joined for however long they could- praying with their fellow Chaplains and for those serving on the front lines. This virtual call provided a non-stop service for those unable to attend the memorial. More importantly, it provided National unity within our Chaplain company.**

**We are grateful that we had the opportunity to serve one of our many communities. But the greatest blessing that we took away from that day was: our Chaplains that led the charge to walk into a potential volatile situation and bring the calm, the peace and be a source of healing that only Faith can bring. These Chaplain leaders served First Responders and Mr. Floyd's family just the same. If there was a need that we could meet - it was met. Our prayer Warriors joined a National call and covered the entire day with unity. A joy that surpassed all understanding. Leading the way from what we don't always see on the news or on social media- peace.**



In today's tumultuous times, how do you know who is telling the truth? Whether you are following television news, reading media posts or social blogs, there is constant division and burning anger. The enemy is having a field day and the casualties are families and relationships. After all, he did come to kill, steal, and destroy. Now, more than ever, it is important to know the WORD of GOD.

Listed below are 12 scriptures regarding the WORD. I hope you take time to meditate on each one over the next 12 weeks of summer.



### WEEK 1

Hebrews 4:12

*"The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

Have you ever been in a church service and the sermon seems to have been written specifically for you? That is because God's word is living. It is active. It is timeless. The bible still has the power to convict. It is still relevant for today. It separates the truth from the lie. In Ephesians 6:17, it talks about the armor of God. The sword of the Spirit, is the word of God.

### WEEK 2

Isaiah 55:11

*"So shall my word be that goes out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing I sent it to do".*

In Genesis chapter 1, "And God said", is used multiple times in the story of creation. God's word is so powerful it created the universe.

In the Old Testament, God used prophets to proclaim His word. According to Deuteronomy 18:20-21, the prophet who presumed to speak a word in God's name, who was not commanded to do so, died.

### WEEK 3

John 1:1

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

Jesus is the WORD. He is the Creator. From Genesis to Revelation, the story of His love abounds. The bible is not only an instruction manual, but a love letter. It has the power to effect change in our life. God spoke and there was light, and that light was the light of men, through whom all families of the earth will be blessed, if they simply trust in the only begotten Son of God, the Word made flesh. The One that paid the price for the sins of the whole world.



## WEEK 4

2 Timothy 3:16-17

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work".*

Many people pray for wisdom. In fact, James 1:5 tells us that if you ask for wisdom, God will give it generously without finding fault. However, the book of Proverbs is often overlooked. Proverbs touch on just about every aspect of life, providing a connection to truths that go beyond one person or any single moment in time.

## WEEK 5

Psalms 119:105

*"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path".*

Have you ever had to make a decision that was difficult? God's word illuminates the path you should take. By knowing His word, you will not only know the direction, but you will have that "peace" that passes understanding. The word of God is indeed a light to our path and the more we seek after the truth of His word the more the Lord gives us understanding.

## WEEK 6

Matthew 4:4

*"Jesus answered, 'It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'".*

When Jesus went into the wilderness and fasted forty days and forty nights, Satan came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." The enemy knows the word of God and will use it out of context for his purpose. Jesus, "The Word Made Flesh", used the word to prevent Satan's plan until he fled.

## WEEK 7

Psalms 33:4

*"For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does".*

Numbers 23:19 says "God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?" God is Truth. God and His Word are inseparable.

## WEEK 8

Philippians 2:14-16

*"Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life".*

According to Proverbs 18:21, the tongue has the power of life and death. Your words can either speak life, or your words can speak death. Our tongues can build others up, or they can tear them down. When you speak life, according to God's word, it is a powerful force that will tear down enemy strongholds.

## WEEK 9

Matthew 24:35

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away".*

This world has been contaminated by sin, but the word of God is perfect. God knew the weakness of man and his inability to keep the laws in the Old Testament. He covenanted to put His law within their minds and to write it on their heart. All they had to do was to believe God's Word (Jesus) - to trust His promise because His word is true and will never pass away.

## WEEK 10

Psalms 119:130

*"The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple".*

When the word of God unfolds, it is a treasure-trove of truth that permits us a tiny glimpse into the heart of God. It is to the simple that He gives understanding, and to the humble in heart that He unfolds His Word.

## WEEK 11

Psalms 18:30

*"As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him".*

God is ever-present. He is omnipotent, He is all-powerful and nothing can stop Him. There is true security in trusting in the almighty God of our salvation. He protects and helps. He is the One we are to place our trust in. We can say with assurance that He is the One Who delivers us from the snares of men and rescues us from every plague, both in the natural and spiritual realm.

## WEEK 12

Isaiah 40:8

*"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever".*

The people of Israel were warned in Isaiah chapter 39 to repent and turn back to God. Israel would not listen. Isaiah used this illustration of grass and flowers that die and fade, just as a man's life, but the word of God stands forever.

## From the Viewpoint of a Grain of Wheat

The sun was hot and I stood tall, one little grain in a stalk of wheat, waiting to be gathered in. There were so many of us, bound together into great sheafs, heavy with grain. We had endured a long, hot summer and we were ready for harvest. The farmer had been watching us and often came to run his hands through some of the stalks, almost as in a caressing gesture. He enjoyed our growth and was delighted when it came time for us to be harvested. He was not alone. He had many helpers who worked with him long hours in the field.

What would become of us when we were brought into the barn? I wondered. I had heard many stories as the workers talked among themselves about their plans. We would be processed, I heard. What does that mean? Processed into what? I hoped it would be bread. I wanted to be made into bread to feed people like our farmer and his family. I thought that would be a very satisfying destiny. Yes, please let it be bread, I hummed to myself.

I remembered one day, not long ago, a teacher walked with his disciples through the wheat field and they ate some of the grains. Of course, the Pharisees didn't like it because it was Sabbath work. But the teacher and they considered it He also talked about some things that really made me think. He took one of the stalks in his hands and told his followers about seed grains. He seemed faraway look in his eyes when he said it. Somehow, it seemed important.



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Would I be willing to be a seed grain? That thought came to me one late night when the stars of the night sky shone down on us and twinkled in a particularly delightful way. They seemed to smile at us as we were swaying slightly in the breeze. Some grains would become seed grains and would be put into the earth again to bring forth a whole new crop.

We all would end up being used for something. That was part of our circle of life. We grew to give life to someone. We were made into feed - either humans or animals. But the thought of being a seed grain wouldn't leave me alone.

It seemed such an unexciting way to go. I would be planted in the earth again. It would be dark and dreary. No one would even know that I was there for quite some time. I would have to die buried in that soil, alone and maybe frightened, as my hard shell would dissolve and give way to bring forth a new little plant. I would give all the life I had in me to help this little plant grow. No, I decided, that was not exciting enough for me. I wanted to see the world and experience the thrill of being valuable and useful to someone, even if it was for only a short time.

But couldn't I contribute more if I allowed this to happen, and couldn't I produce so many more grains which, in turn, could feed many more people? Deep down, I knew the answer and what my destiny was. This teacher they called Jesus had also talked about losing your life and gaining it. I didn't understand at

first but if this is what was going to happen to me, maybe it was exciting after all. I enjoyed a few more days in the sun. Then the farmer came to gather us in and set me, along with some other grains, aside to be planted again, I had already yielded myself to this purpose and found great joy in the knowledge that giving my life would bring forth much fruit in the next harvest season.

Mark [2:23](#)

And it happened that He was passing through the grain fields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while picking the heads of grain.

John [12:24-25](#)

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.



**Break Every Chain**

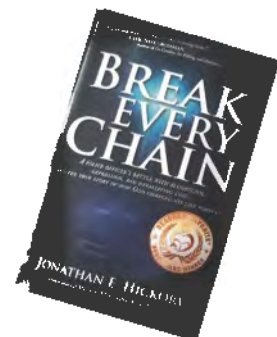
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—HUGE #MOVIE ANNOUNCEMENT!—

Actor Luke Schroder to play the part of Officer Jonathan Hickory in the Break Every Chain movie, based on the award winning book. Filming starts this fall with [JCFilms Presents](#). The film will also star actor Dean Cain. Learn more at <https://breakeverychainmovie.com>

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## **When God Drops Something In Your Heart**

*by Chaplain Sandy Teeter*



**I love when God drops something in your spirit. It is usually totally unexpected. It's a piece of a puzzle that you know He wants you to figure out.**

**Some may ask, why didn't God just reveal it all to you? Why in pieces? Proverbs 25:2 says "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings". Recently I was going about my normal day when I felt the Lord say "progressive miracle". I knew He was referring to Mark chapter 8.**

**Listed below is a brief synopsis:**

- 1. Jesus had just multiplied food again for a massive crowd. Soon afterward, the Pharisees demand that Jesus give them a miraculous sign from heaven. As Jesus warns His disciples against the yeast inside the Pharisees and the yeast inside Herod, they still don't understand what Jesus is talking about. He says to them, "Do you still not see or understand what I say to you? Are your hearts still hard? You have good eyes, yet you don't see, and you have good ears, yet you still don't hear, neither do you remember."**
- 2. When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus. This is the "progressive miracle". This is the first time Jesus spit in someone's face. He then asked the blind man "what do you see"? The blind man answered that he was beginning to see people, but they looked like trees walking. Jesus put his hands over the man's eyes again and made him look up. He was then able to see everything perfectly.**

**I believe there are several things the Lord wanted to show me.**

**Jesus is the Creator. He did not need a two-step process to heal. What was he trying to teach his disciples? I believe the spit represented salve for the eyes. His disciples have seen miracle after miracle. They still were not getting it. They were spiritually blind, their vision was still partial. The disciples needed a second touch. In addition, Jesus knew what the man could see even before he asked. Many are content with a little bit of "Jesus". Just enough to get them to Heaven.**

**We are living in the days of the "Church of Laodicea". Neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm. The Church of Laodicea was told to purchase eye salve to be placed over their eyes so that they can truly see.**

**The next week the Lord dropped another puzzle piece. This was "the two pillars that Samson broke". The following is another synopsis and interpretation that the Lord confirmed to Brenda Swartz and I, along with Chaplain Michele Peters.**

1. **Samson was to be set apart for God's purpose before he was born. He was to be a Nazirite and begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. No razor was to touch his head.**
2. **Samson lived a life of compromise, from visiting a harlot, to his relationship with Delilah. An agreement was made between Delilah and the Philistines to trap Samson into revealing the secret of his strength. He eventually succumbed, his head was shaved, and he lost his strength/anointing. The Philistines gouged out his eyes and he became a grinder in the prison in Gaza.**
3. **Samson's hair began to grow again. The lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice that they had captured Samson. He was called to perform for them. The temple was full of men and women, about three thousand on the roof watching while Samson performed. After he performed, they stationed him between the pillars. Samson called on the Lord to remember him, strengthen him, just this once that he may with one blow, take vengeance on the Philistines for his two eyes. Samson pushed with all his might and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death was more than he had killed in his life.**

The two pillars are ENTERTAINMENT/MEDIA and GOVERNMENT. Samson representing the church had let pleasure take his strength. Not only did he lose his strength but he lost his dignity and his eyesight. The church has let pleasure and the things of the world take her strength and dignity as she conformed to its ways. She's been hidden in a dungeon, in the dark, voiceless, chained to monotony...blinded, not able to see anymore, no clear vision. The Lord will give the church another opportunity for one last stand to be His strength and power to take down the demonic structures of corrupt government and entertainment/media.



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## **Home As It Is In Heaven**

*by Chaplain Sharon Carraway Jones*

I took a long walk around the neighborhood Saturday afternoon. It was the end of our sixth week of the "Stay at Home Order" due to COVID19. It was a perfect warm and sunny spring afternoon.

As I was walking from block to block, I noticed my neighbors were enjoying staying at home in a variety of ways. First, I spied a young mother and her baby-sitting on a blanket on their front lawn. They were playing and laughing. As I turned the curve, I saw a young girl using colored chalk to write messages on the street. She had written the words, "Happy Birthday Waylon," and other greetings embellished with drawings for those passing by. I stopped and admired her art work. She smiled back at me as I waved and continued walking.

Further down the street I saw a woman lying in her hammock taking a nap, three teenage girls sunbathing on their front lawn, and two couples who were strategically spaced six feet apart as they sat on their front lawn and visited with each other.

Some yards did not have people, only signs created by the homeowners. One sign read, "Congratulations 2020 Graduate." Another had a message written on a chalkboard easel. The message read, "Be encouraged friends and neighbors, this will not last forever."

The strangest thing happened during this afternoon walk. I kept hearing a song that kept repeatedly playing over and over in my mind. It was an old song from the late 1990s, "Days of Elijah" written by Robin Mark. I just couldn't get this song out of my head, so when I returned home, I Googled Robin Mark. On a You Tube channel I listened to him tell the story of how he wrote the song.

Robin said he was just lying on his couch at home on the evening of December 31, 1994. He was watching the news broadcast as they gave a recap of all of the significant events of the past year. When he heard over a million people in Rwanda had been killed due to ethnic clashes, he asked the Lord, "What are the days we are living in, Lord?" God's response was, 'The same as the days of Elijah, Moses, Ezekiel, and David'.<sup>1</sup> This was the birthplace of Robin's song. It has been recorded over thousands of times and sung throughout the world. It was there in Robin's home in Northern Ireland where the Spirit of God moved him to write this song. It is such a beautiful example of how God chooses to meet us in the familiarity of our homes to speak to us and inspire us.

Back in the 1980s I read a book by a religious leader. It was the story of how he desperately sought an encounter with the Lord. He spent every evening attending church meetings and worship services desperately searching for the Lord while leaving his wife at home alone with their children. At the end of his searching he gave up and went home. When he got home he found his little son was very sick. He and his wife knelt beside their son's bed and prayed. That was when he found what he had been searching for all along. His son became better and he realized how true intimacy with God begins in our hearts and our homes, not somewhere out there in the world.

In the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 6 Jesus teaches us how to pray. Verse 10 states, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.' This part of the Lord's Prayer is contrasting two spaces, Heaven and earth. I have heard it explained as follows:

Heaven is God's space and earth is mankind's space. Heaven is inconceivably wonderful. It is where God's will prevails--no sickness, no hatred, no sadness, and no death. Heaven is full of God's presence--love, joy, beauty, justice, and goodness. Earth is a world apart from God. It is full of sin, injustice, disease, and chaos. In the Old Testament mankind accessed Heaven through the Tabernacle and animal sacrifices. In the New Testament Jesus became the Lamb of God once and for all sacrificed for our sin. Jesus is the place where Heaven and earth overlap. For God's kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven, it requires mankind to invite Jesus into the places where we live ... our homes and our hearts.

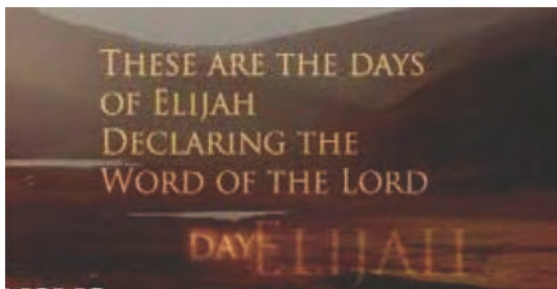
When we invite Jesus into our homes, Heaven truly invades earth. Why wouldn't He want to inspire us as we watch the news, cook a meal, relax on our porch, or pray for a sick child? Jesus loves staying at home with us. He wants our dwelling place to be his dwelling place.

Revelation 21 :3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God, is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God." Father, we pray for your will and your kingdom to come in our homes as it is in Heaven. Jesus, we invite you to fill our homes with your presence.

Let your goodness, peace, love, and joy guide us to greater intimacy with you. Come and live with us as we stay at home and fill the days of our lives with more of you.

In Jesus' Name,  
Amen



**These are the days of Elijah,  
Declaring the word of the Lord  
And these are the days of Your servant  
Moses,  
Righteousness being restored.  
And though these are days of great  
trial,  
Of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still, we are the voice in the desert  
crying  
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"  
Behold He comes riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,**

**Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,  
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.  
These are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh,  
And these are the days of Your servant  
David,  
Rebuilding a temple of praise.  
These are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are as white in Your world,  
And we are the laborers in Your  
vineyard,  
Declaring the word of the Lord!  
Behold He comes riding on...**



## **Love Matters**

*by Chaplain Lisa Barnett*

**“So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you. John13:34 TPT**

**People all around us are starving for love. Many people may not had the priceless privilege to experience love, true love. I am not talking about the love that humanity gives; the love of a parent, a family member or even a dear friend. Yes, their love is necessary and critical to all in whom they are connected. I am referring to experiencing the love of the almighty God. This love is limitless and knows no boundaries and it's felt and demonstrated on earth through His Followers, those who are His children. As Disciples of Christ Jesus, we have the responsibility to share the love of God to everyone regardless of who they are, where they come from or where they are headed. We do not get to pick and choose who we will love.**

**Love matters, it matters to God. God so loved the world, that He purposely sent Jesus to not only impact the world, but to change it. He knew that His love would change humanity forever, if they would accept and only believe.**

**Jesus gives His disciples a new perspective for loving. He expressed just how much love matters. He told His Disciples that they should love like He loves them. In His expression of just how much love matters to Him, Jesus put His love into action. What does that look like? His love for the world to many is complicated and to some, it is difficult to understand, yet it is so simple. Jesus love matters so much that took the beatings on His back and by every stripe, He declared our healing. Jesus love matters so much that He laid down His life for us. Jesus love matters so much that He died in our place so that we could have eternal life.**

**If love matters to Jesus, as His Disciples, love should matter to us too. Upon this week, month, year, find ways to demonstrate to others just how much love matters: call someone, send a card, a text, an email or some kind of "love matters" expression to someone who very well may or may not need it. Love doesn't only express itself in need, it shows up, just because. Remember this... love really isn't love and love really doesn't matter unless it is given away.**



## What Has Warrior Family Ministries Been Up to During the Pandemic

The past few months has allowed us to be intentional about the time that we have and how we use it. While we have had to take multiple precautions and change our normal, God has blessed us with creative ways to join together and continue further the mission of Warrior Family. So What Have We Done?!



- Our Michigan Chaplains have served communities affected by flooding by serving meals and packing bagged lunches. Led by Chaplain Tracie Sherer, families were able to receive meals in a safe and protected way. Our Chaplains continue to serve as this is an ongoing need.
- Chaplains have continued to support our First Responder Chaplains with prayer and encouragement. If you are interested in sending a word of encouragement to our Chaplains working on the front lines, please mail it to Headquarters.



- We are gearing up for our upcoming September Basic Chaplain Training and First Responder Basic Chaplain Training in Nocona Texas.

- We BOOKED our 2021 Fort Caswell Conference! Interested in attending? The dates are: March 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. This Conference is open to any active Chaplain. Contact [kimkidd@warriorfamilyministries.org](mailto:kimkidd@warriorfamilyministries.org) for more information.

- Columbus County Chaplain Company is actively planting, weeding, watering and harvesting a community garden that is already producing vegetables! A huge thank you to Chaplain Marcia DeRush for providing the land. This project directly supports Warrior Family Ministries.

- WFM has completed 2 full Virtual Basic Chaplain Trainings. We were able to teach participants from across the country from the

comfort of their own home! These three days utilized technology in a way we have never used before.

- We have held weekly Intercessory Wednesday Prayer Calls and Thursday night Chaplain All Calls. The power of family, unity, encouragement and prayer. If you haven't joined us, you will be amazed how the power of God shows up. Make it a plan to join us on Thursdays at 7pm and be blessed.
- Our Virtual Chaplain Center is up and running and accepting appointments for free Chaplain meetings. This service is open to ANYONE in need – in or out of our organization. Please contact [chrandyandbeckyreed@wfmchaplains.org](mailto:chrandyandbeckyreed@wfmchaplains.org) to schedule an appointment or find out more information.
- Chaplains Bob and Conny Hubbard worked to make sure we have our Care Chaplains in place. Keeping our Chaplains healthy, emotionally and spiritually being the priority for this call to serve Ch Bob and Conny interviewed and placed one to two in each company. Want more information about serving in this area? Contact [conny.hubbard@gmail.com](mailto:conny.hubbard@gmail.com) or [bob.hubbard56@gmail.com](mailto:bob.hubbard56@gmail.com)



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