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

What is the point of Memorial Day? What happens when we take the sacrifices for granted? What does it say about our sense of entitlement? How does entitlement hinder thankfulness?

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

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, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

### **The enemy will try to pollute, dilute or distort**

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

**Proverbs 25:26** Like a muddied spring or a polluted well are the righteous who give way to the wicked.

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

**James 4:1-8** Whoever becomes a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God

### **We fight with superior weaponry**

**2 Corinthians 10:2-5** The weapons we fight with are not the weapons 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.

Will we remain faithful to the end? So others can see.