

Chapter 1 : A 9/11 Reflection: Why We Serve? - The Good Men Project

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Finding minimalism in a world of consumerism. Now, I know there are tips and tricks and books and courses you can take to get better at remembering names. There was something else getting in the way. This became clear a number of years ago while speaking at an event in Wisconsin. But inside was warm and pleasant. When I finished speaking, as people were departing, a lovely couple came up to meet me. We exchanged names and pleasantries. And because the environment was quiet and informal, we continued to talk for the next minutes on a wide-range of topics. But when they walked away, it dawned on me that I had entirely forgotten their names. But on this particular evening, as I got into my car and drove off into the cool night, I felt a bit of sadness. Rather than trying to remember their names, I started asking why I was unable to recall them. I was sure they mentioned them. I mean, I could picture the moment where I held out my hand to shake theirs. They introduced themselves, but all I can remember was introducing myself. And suddenly it struck me. I entered the conversation “as I do so often” with the desire to be known rather than to know. I was trying so hard to say something impressive or witty or intelligent that I entirely missed what they were saying on the other side of the conversation. I wanted them to know my name more than I wanted to know theirs. I wanted to share my expertise rather than seek to learn from theirs. I wanted opportunity to tell my story more than I wanted opportunity to hear theirs. I wanted to be known more than I wanted to know. I could not remember their name because I was too focused on them remembering mine. These days, as much as possible, when I meet somebody new, I try hard to remember their name. But I have found when I enter a conversation seeking to know the other person more than being known by them, my chances of remembering their name increase significantly. Even more, I have discovered that taking the time to truly know someone else is one of the quickest paths to being known by them.

Chapter 2 : Remembering Why We Do What We Do - Church Production Magazine

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy (AFNS) -- In the summer of , while assigned to the U.S. Air Force Academy, I met a young man who reinforced the reason why I serve. I was about to enter an elevator when he and his mother, an instructor at the academy, walked in to ascend to the upper floors of the academic building.

There are some old people who wish they were younger and some young people who wish they were older. The human race has a tendency to think that they are never at the right age. That is why God wrote this verse of Scripture. And others will grow older ungracefully. We all know some older people who are sweet, kind and really nice to be with. We also know some older people who are hateful and totally discouraging to be around. Well, that would be true with folks of any age. Growing older day by day is not something of which we have control. How we choose to live each one of those days is something of which we do have control. How we are going to age is a choice we can make. God desires that you and I learn to age with grace and dignity and so in His Word He gives us instruction as to how to age gracefully. That is what our text today is all about. How to live life from our youth to our old age and do it with all the fullness life can offer. Remember that Jesus said to us, "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly. Why should the young remember God and serve Him in their youth? If there is a God â€” If you must spend eternity somewhere â€” If He love you and created you and has a plan and purpose for your life â€” Having that for a life vision is one of the wisest things you can do. I have pastor now for many years. I have seen many, many young people saved and dedicate their life to the Lord Jesus. I have lived long enough to see some of them serve God for years and I have never heard one of them say, "I really wish that I had waited until I was older. I have seen several people saved in the last years of their life. I have heard almost all of them express with regret that they did not give their life to God while they were younger. You need to know your creator when you are young and that He has every claim on your life and the way that you live it. Without the youth â€” the church will die. It is the young people who bring vigor and vitality to the programs of our church. I have heard people say, "Young people are the future of our church". I know they mean well but that is really a bad statement to make. The young people are not the future of our church but they are and active part of our church right now. Did you notice the challenge that Paul gave the young man, Timothy? I believe that a real part of the Great Commission is stated in 2 Tim. There is not another life style that will bring the joy, encouragement, fulfillment and contentment that comes from living for Jesus. I want to give you a personal testimony. I have been saved for 50 years. Every day of my life has been an exciting adventure. It is the abundant life.

Chapter 3 : Why We Remember the Holocaust – Media – United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

City Year corps members based in Los Angeles and New York write about their experiences. Although Hunts Point is a community that is only a minute train ride from one of the richest areas in.

Transcript Estelle Laughlin, Holocaust Survivor: Memory is what shapes us. Memory is what teaches us. This genocide is now known as the Holocaust. The Nazi regime also persecuted and killed millions of other people it considered politically, racially, or socially unfit. I think the important thing to understand about this cataclysmic event is that it happened in the heart of Europe. Germany was respected around the world for its leading scientists, its physicians, its theologians. It was a very civilized, advanced country. It was a young democracy, but it was a democracy. And yet it descended not only into social collapse but world war and eventually mass murder. Margit Meissner, Holocaust Survivor: A strong man came to power in Germany whose ideas were that Germany has to create a national community, which would include only the Aryan race, which he considered superior, and all the people who did not belong to the Aryan race could be eliminated. With planning and propaganda, he was able to convince most of the German people to go along with him, insensitive to what happened to the Jews who had basically been their former neighbors. And he managed to build concentration camps and killing centers and finally gas chambers to annihilate six million Jews and at the same time also millions of others, murdered in a systematic, government-sponsored way. People who follow orders without question, bystanders who watch and do nothing, ordinary men and women simply going with the flow. The events and the results of the Holocaust were so devastating. It was an extreme that we can barely imagine. We remember because it is an unthinkable scar on humanity. We need to understand what human beings are capable of. Barack Obama, President of the United States: We gather today to mourn the loss of so many lives and celebrate those who saved them, honor those who survived, and contemplate the obligations of the living. We are remembering, first and foremost, all the victims, and that is not only the Jewish victims, but there were many non-Jewish victims. Of course, the Jews were the primary target. Estelle Laughlin, Holocaust Survivor: The millions of innocent people, including my family and friends, who were killed because they were of the wrong religion, because they had no means of protecting themselves. These were people who risked not only their own lives, sometimes the lives of their family, to save a fellow human being. And we also remember our American soldiers who were fighting to win World War II and in the course of that, liberated these concentration camps. Those that arrived at the camps in and were just horrified at what they saw. And that was a huge task for the American soldiers: Looking back allows us to understand how important it is for us to serve in a country where we have the strength and the might and the will to defend those that are defenseless. Bruce Lustig, Washington Hebrew Congregation: In , at the end of the war, I would have thought that there would never be another Holocaust, that the world was so shocked by what had happened that the world would not permit that. And yet you see what happened in Bosnia, what happened in Rwanda, what happened in Darfur. Those who suffered and died in the Holocaust, we can honor them today by not being silent. Remembering ties the past and the present together with a powerful, simple thread: Above all, we have to illuminate the future. And I think that on the Day of Remembrance the most important thing is to remember the humanity that is in all of us to leave the world better for our children and for posterity. This nine-minute video provides an overview of the Holocaust, Days of Remembrance, and why we as a nation remember this history.

Chapter 4 : Remembering Why We Serve Archives Â» New World United Methodist Church

A living example of why we serve can be found in Granville from the Pennsylvania National Guard, who was wounded in while on patrol in Afghanistan. He shared his story of resilience and.

I served the tragedy by leaving the monastery as a Dominican Friar Monk and returned to the military as a combat troop in Iraq. Besides carrying my rifle in the Badlands: I and others have followed the path of service. When these men returned from their duty, the U. Gray publicly honored these cadets for their sacrifice. These men left their crisp cadet gray uniforms to wear grubby combat fatigues. These cadets delayed officer commissions, or abruptly ceased their studies, or gave up job offers to serve their country. While I chose to serve again because my civic obligation was to prevent another troop from deploying again, my choice was solidified by the experiences of my fellow cadets! I returned to my third military oath of service as a tired 40 year old man and deployed to Iraq without rank or title. Do elementary school students know about the historic military and maritime cadet units of America? Ironically, these were one of the first democratic groups in America to produce innovative leaders in industry, transportation, agriculture, commerce, engineering, public service, and military service. I was encouraged by cadet life at Norwich to rely on my strengths: I was a studious spiritual warrior with Korean Latino Dominican roots. My cadet life experience had the the poetics of Shakespeare, the citizen-soldier philosophy of Captain Alden Partridge, and the daily actualizing virtues of Aristotle. Unlike European military cadets, American military cadets embody the spirit of the citizen-soldier. Unlike the European cadet at Sandhurst or Ecole Militaire, the American military college cadet is a product of democracy and not strictly bound to the the martial way, the way of war. I will always remain a citizen-soldier. At Manhattan cocktail parties, I am compelled to remind the flappers that I was a cadet at a small military college called Norwich. I do not surrender ground in these discussions over Nicolas Feuillatte Champagne. Periodically, I run into Yale secret society members and they oddly have asked about Norwich cadet life? Not me, but William Huntington Russell. Here, mass media shows many faces of cadets on a major tv network to sell the game to Americans caught up with West Point and Annapolis. There are more cadets at these historic colleges combined than at all of the service academies. Let me introduce you to the future! Here are the inspiring cadet stories Henry Rollins would appreciate! Henry Rollins has some captivating insights about war and the military. There is no Nicki Minaj or Tekashi69 fabricated mass culture talk. Inspired to Serve Because They Served! Become a supporter and enjoy The Good Men Project ad free Al-Qaeda ignited an unprecedented fear in Americans; this was the first successful attack an American soil ever in years. I was only a child, back then; but, the paralyzing fear my mother expressed to me after the news reports were daunting. An emergency shutdown ended the school day early for I and my other classmates. In a sense, evil had won the day. A small minority of men had struck terror in the hearts of Americans, changing the status quo of American life forever. Fortunately, men like Pat Tillman, Michael Murphy, and so many others rose from the rubble, looking to combat the chaos in the wake of that morning seventeen years ago. I too, desire to serve! The warrior ethos drives me to go and join the ranks of the men and women who sacrifice themselves to a greater calling. When evil knocks on the door, or kicks it in, the sheepdogs step in to extinguish the threat. They preserve the freedom and rights of their colleagues. It was supposed to be just another normal day of Kindergarten. Even at the age of 5, I knew something was wrong when parents started to spontaneously picked up their kids from school. There were many faces with looks of horror and sadness. Once my dad retrieved me, he and I went home where we would both view the Towers collapse on TV. Though the loss of any life is the highest level of disaster. This inspired me to pursue a specific path: Fast forward 17 years and I am a year out from becoming a U. The tragedy is far-reaching and has shaped our culture into one that finally appreciates the heroism of service members and first responders. A large portion of the student body aspires to serve their country, the United States of America, in one capacity or another. I have hope in these leaders who will someday make tough decisions while carrying out their responsibility of service. Braden Parent grew up in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina and is inspired by his two little sisters. These cadets cherish a special education that is based on reason and virtue. Many of them offer an examined way to pursue war. They pursue

it as informed leader warriors and as citizens.

Chapter 5 : The Science Behind Dreaming - Scientific American

Remembering Why "While understanding the 'what' and the 'how' of the gospel is necessary, the eternal fire and majesty of the gospel springs from the 'why,'" President Dieter F. Uchtdorf of the First Presidency said.

Expand Church production staff members and volunteers work day in and day out to help make worship services into quality, memorable experiences. This is especially true for those volunteer tech leaders with families. I know I have felt this way some times. When I begin to feel this way there are typically two reasons: I have stopped breaking bread with other believers, and I have forgotten why I am doing what I do. Why is fellowship so important? One area where most tech people make a mistake is when it comes to fellowshipping with those we serve. Now I know that it seems backwards to suggest for you to do more when you are already too busy, but this is highly important. One of the most common reasons tech guys get burned out is simply because church becomes just another job, rather than what it was intended to be. The church was created to be a place of fellowship, and a place where people are encouraged in the faith. For those who are living in the production booth during services, this rarely happens during services. Because this does not happen during church it is imperative that it happen out of the normal Sunday morning experience. If serving as a sound, lighting or video guy is all you really do at the church then you are almost guaranteed to get burned out. However, if you make time to fellowship with those you are serving with or others away from time serving, then, it will energize you to continue to serve God with your gifts. Were too busy making things happen to really catch the main idea of what the pastor is saying. It is not on purpose, it just happens that way. Often we are too busy knob turning, programming and slide switching to see and hear all of what is going on all around us: God is changing lives through our churches. The best part of it is that we contribute to a large part of it. We help create the environment where people experience the presence of God. I want to give you a challenge for this Sunday. When your pastor asks for a response, whether it be hands raised or people coming down to an altar, I want you to look at all of the people you have helped bring closer to Jesus. Yes I am giving you permission to peek when the pastor says bow your head. You are part of that process of every raised hand or soul headed forward. When we focus on this truth, then it is much harder to become tired and burned out. Paul told us in Hebrews 12 that we throw off the weight that so easily pulls us down by keeping our eyes on Jesus.

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We Pray!. We pray for all the people of: Garland, Mesquite, Rowlett, Rockwall, Dallas, Sachse and Wylie.

Why do we need this remembrance flag? Men and women have been serving in the United States military and dying for our country for more than years. They represent a unique and distinct category of individuals, along with the families that sent them, that deserve a symbol of recognition, a visual emblem of honor. Until the Honor and Remember Flag was conceived, there was no such nationally recognized symbol. Yet the one single group that sacrificed to allow us to fly every flag freely have no public recognition. It is important that their lives and their families be specifically remembered and thanked. The least we can do is be thankful. How do we show gratitude without something tangible, not knowing who these families are or where they live. The Honor and Remember Flag becomes that perfect visible expression. It was thoughtfully established to fill a void and complete the circle of tribute. With all three, we comprehensively and publicly give tribute to those veterans who served, those who are captured and need to be brought home, those who are still missing and need to be found and those we know who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Let none be forgotten. There are many reasons why it is important to establish the Honor and Remember Flag as a national symbol in this generation. The most important one is that there exists today the largest contingent of living veterans of any time in our history. These veterans comprise in large part one of the greatest groups of least honored soldiers in our history: All total however it is still a relatively small number in regard to the general citizenry. It is important that this small percentage of those who served this country and understand the impact of sacrifice, educate those civilians who will never otherwise understand. Once our military shrinks and our veterans pass, the education will cease. Honor and Remember is a unique, out of the box opportunity to bring a patriotic message to a civilian population. For those who lost their lives and their families, the Honor and Remember Flag serves as a way for the rest of us to express, perhaps belatedly, our gratitude for their sacrifice. It is important that all veterans rally in support of the Gold Star families to leave this lasting symbol of public thanks. We all should be doing something; ask yourself if not this then what? There are not many opportunities in a lifetime to leave behind a national legacy, we need your help. It is the umbrella which represents every underlying aspect of our country. It actually takes on a different context or meaning wherever it is displayed; Public buildings, private homes, sports stadiums, Olympic events, caskets or even the moon. Ask any citizen what our flag means to them and you will get a dozen different responses. Does it represent sacrifice? However, the American flag also stands for our constitution, the unity of our people, the diversity of our nation, the triumph of our accomplishments and the right to protest or to be burned. It is the symbol of freedom many die to defend, rather than a tangible emblem to specifically honor those who gave their lives. See the answer to question 1. Our sons and daughters, throughout history, died to preserve its meaning but it does not particularly represent them, they represent the flag, which represents our entire country. Here is how the symbolism of the American flag was originally designed and explained: The stripes represent the original 13 colonies; the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well: Red symbolizes hardiness and valor; White symbolizes purity and innocence; Blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice. Who is being honored by the HR flag? This statement can be defined as any military individual killed while serving or as a result of serving, from the moment our nation began. This flag has a broader scope, honoring all those who by draft or volunteer have put themselves in a position to defend the constitution, the US flag and those freedoms which make our nation great. What does the HR flag design signify? The Honor and Remember Flag was designed from both historic military and universal icons. The Red field symbolizes the sacrifice of blood shed; what better color than American Flag red. The White field below, the purity of that sacrifice. Each man and women serves with a pure heart and a willingness to lay down their lives at any moment. The Blue star in the center dates back to World War I when military families hung a solid blue star banner on their windows or doors representing a loved one on active duty. The Folded Flag beneath the stars represents the flag that is handed to each family at the memorial service of their loved one. The Flames above are an eternal reminder that we will never forget. The Three Words below complete the tribute, we will always Honor their sacrifice

and Remember them specifically by name. What is the importance of the Honor and Remember Flag? This flag should be important to every citizen of the United States. Never before in the history our country have we realized how vulnerable we can be to the actions of those who would destroy us. Now more than ever, our fighting men and women deserve our recognition and our gratitude for standing in the way of those who would take away our liberty. We owe them, and particularly those who die and their families, honor and remembrance. By flying the Honor and Remember Flag, we say to these selfless men and women and the families that love them, that we as Americans will never forget their contribution to our freedom. And we are mindful that at any time, any day another could be added to those ranks. Potentially any day, regardless of circumstance, a blue star family can turn gold. Why does the Honor and Remember Flag have a registered trademark? Great question, the reason for anything to be copy written or trademarked is protection. When the Honor and Remember Flag was initially designed and accepted there needed to be a mechanism in place that would protect it from being altered or produced outside of the US. Additionally our organization exists to fulfill a very important four fold mission, Establish, Educate, Present and Comfort. For this to be accomplished we must remain viable. In researching the creation and establishment of the POW flag we found that one of the missing elements of their effort was not protecting their design. The initial thought was to make sure that the POW flag flew everywhere, however by allowing the flag to fall into public domain they gave up all rights. Subsequently, not only did the design fluctuate but also all flag manufacturers were allowed to openly profit from the emblem. Today those flags are made all over the world, including China and Vietnam. From the onset we did not want this to happen to Honor and Remember, therefore we initially licensed Annin and Co, the largest US maker of flags, as well as several others, to manufacture and distribute Honor and Remember Flags across the country, and yes our organization, in order to remain viable, receives a small portion of the proceeds. As a board-run non-profit organization we feel it is our obligation to protect this most honorable symbol and to inhibit it from being altered or produced outside the United States. We hope you agree. How do I help get the flag flying? There are four very important things you can do: Our goal is 1. Once that is achieved our hope is that the Department of Defense will support and Congress will enact a law officially recognizing the Honor and Remember Flag as a national symbol. TALK about the flag. Tell everyone in your circle, including businesses about the website www. Also please consider spreading the word through newsletters, emails, blogs or by linking to our website. Additionally send the press release link to any media locally or nationally to let them know about the campaign. We would welcome the opportunity for national attention including syndicated talk shows. Another very important action is to send a letter to your Senator or member of Congress telling them about the flag and the importance of national adoption. Currently there is federal legislation in process, HR There are many expenses involved in conducting this national campaign. Any support you can give will help us to fulfill our mission. Where do the donations go? Honor and Remember, Inc. Our fourfold mission is to Establish, Educate, Present and Comfort. Currently more than a thousand requests from families are waiting to be filled. Help us give an Honor and Remember Flag in honor of every single individual who has ever given their life while serving our country.

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Daniel Acosta's name leads the list of 69 men on Stockton's Vietnam Memorial, but he was more than a name chiseled in granite. They all were. Acosta graduated from Edison High School in He.

By Steph Nickel Is it important to remember God? Contact us if you are a truth seeker and need some answers. Failing to do so can affect not only us but also those around us. Why did this happen? I am, however, talking about the importance of remembering – remembering who God is and remembering what He has done in our life. Just where should we start? They teach us who He is and what He has done. His Word is precious, and as it says in 2 Timothy 3: And if we keep our eyes open, we will learn more about Him as we go about our everyday lives. Just take a look at the natural world around you. It is important to look outward to give us the proper context for examining our own lives. But for most of us, our conversion story is where the wonder becomes personal. Like King David says in Psalm 8: And when we think that God sent His Son to die in our place and to rise again, victorious over sin and death, that we may forever live with Him in heaven, it is beyond our comprehension. No matter how long ago it was that we asked Jesus to be our Saviour , it should cause us awe and wonder. And when you do take a breather, you may want nothing more than to simply plop down and relax. And when this is the case, those lives go on to affect others and the world forgets the God who created and sustains all things. They worship others gods , gods such as busyness, affluence, material possessions. If I hunt that up, I may share it with you at some point. You can do it alone or as a family. One of the things you may include is the fact that you came across HopeStreamRadio and are learning more about Him as you listen to the podcasts and read the blog. You may change the course of a nation. More About Remembering God.

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Remembering Why We Do What We Do. One area where most tech people make a mistake is when it comes to fellowshipping with those we serve. Now I know that it seems.

I am once again humbled to share a few thoughts, and I am optimistic that they will resonate with all of you; regardless of your branch of service, active, retired, reserve or a family member – every service member holds a unique reason as to why they serve. I want this to be a reminder of how we serve. Last weekend, we celebrated Armed Forces Day. Memorial Day is upon us. Independence Day is right around the corner. These are all days on which we recognize, remember, and honor our military service, our fallen, our past and current achievements and the significant role our armed forces have played in securing and maintaining our way of life in our great nation. We defend our nation as members of the profession of arms and through our honorable accomplishment of the mission. Our Army Ethic provides the foundation and moral basis for why we exist. It stems from our countries beginning – the U. Constitution, The Declaration of Independence, United States law, the law of war, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, our oaths of enlistment and commissioning, Army values and many other contributing rules and norms. We are members of a profession, we support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and we serve our countrymen and brothers in arms with honor and treat them with dignity and respect. With this, I offer our Army Ethic as a reminder of what we do and why, and encourage all of you to realize that you are trusted professionals. The Army Ethic is our professional identity and by continuously and consistently demonstrating our character, commitment and competence we build and maintain trust amongst ourselves, and the people of our great nation. We serve honorably – according to the Army Ethic – under civilian authority while obeying the laws of the nation and all legal orders; further, we reject and report illegal, unethical or immoral orders or actions. We take pride in honorably serving the nation with integrity, demonstrating character in all aspects of our lives. In war and peace, we recognize the intrinsic dignity and worth of all people, treating them with respect. We lead by example and demonstrate courage by doing what is right despite risk, uncertainty, and fear; we candidly express our professional judgment to subordinates, peers and superiors. We do our duty, leading and following with discipline, striving for excellence, putting the needs of others above our own, and accomplishing the mission as a team. We accomplish the mission and understand it may demand courageously risking our lives and justly taking the lives of others. We continuously advance the expertise of our chosen profession through lifelong learning, professional development and our certifications. We embrace and uphold the Army values and standards of the profession, always accountable to each other and the American people for our decisions and actions. We wisely use the resources entrusted to us, ensuring our Army is well led and well prepared, while caring for Soldiers, Army civilians and families. We continuously strengthen the essential characteristics of the Army profession, reinforcing our bond of trust with each other and the American people.

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31 Inspiring Quotes About Why We Remember. so it gives them a chance to serve and reflect and then celebrate. "Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the.

Not sure about the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day? Memory itself is a funny thing. However, remembering our collective past--and especially those who gave up their futures so that we could enjoy our present--is very important. Here are 31 inspirational quotes about memory and sacrifice, all designed to get you in the right frame of mind to remember the spirit of this national holiday while you enjoy it. Make a home for yourself inside your own head. That way it will go with you wherever you journey. Let your memory be your travel bag. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle. Like the mellow rays of the departing sun, it falls tenderly, yet sadly, on the heart. Everything you live through helps to make you the person you are now. Memories, even bittersweet ones, are better than nothing. So they built the Vietnam Memorial for themselves. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die. But our gratitude has to be more than visits to the troops, and once-a-year Memorial Day ceremonies. We honor the dead best by treating the living well. Their Independence Day is preceded the 24 hours before with Memorial Day, so it gives them a chance to serve and reflect and then celebrate. I am going to try to start that tradition here in America. I want the pleasure of losing it again. Scott Fitzgerald, *This Side of Paradise* You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart. Happiness is health and a short memory! The fighting man should never have been blamed for Vietnam. Without memory, there would be no civilization, no society, no future. May 26, Like this column?