

Sunday May 25, 2014

Sermon: LDRSHIP

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Scripture Reading: John 15:13 Greater love has no man than this, than one who lays his life down for his friends.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We have come to the momentous occasion where each year we take a moment to remember those who have given their lives for the safety, security, and freedom of others. And we also remember the first responders to include Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services, that have also given their lives in the line of duty.

Some question, what type of person do you have to be in order to give your life like this? I can tell you that some go in to these various service fields with the mindset of compassion and a desire to serve, while others start out seeking an education, a stable job and a decent paycheck, but after basic training they become the person of compassion coupled with Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selflessness, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. (LDRSHIP). These individuals have put their personal interests and concerns aside and every second of their life is lived under LDRSHIP.

On occasion this lifestyle calls for the ultimate sacrifice where one lays down their life for their friends. Now some would ask "I'm not his friend, why is he doing this" lets step away from the literal sense of the word and look at the encompassing nature of the phrase. You may not be the person's friend directly but the oath that this man or woman took states they swear to support and defend the constitution of the United States, their community, and the agencies they serve. When these things are threatened by terrorist, or violence from enemies both foreign and domestic these service men and women will take no short cuts in defending each of us. You are a part of these United states and community. Without you there is nothing to defend and nothing to pay the ultimate sacrifice for.

While we may not always support the war both foreign and domestic that these men and women are fighting, we must support these men and women for being so willing to stand up for the call of duty and go the distance to give their life to ensure our safety. As you go forward today be sure to recognize, appreciate, and honor the brave men and women who are currently serving and those who have fallen.

I will be here for pray and counseling today, please contact me if you need anything.