

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." 2 Timothy 2:3 KJV



Pleasure is forsaken in the field of combat. Thoughts of home and hearth are pushed aside for the sake of survival. Scrapes, cuts, and bruises are worn with a sense of pride and disdain. There is no room for anything that will endanger the mission. Even sickness is inexcusable. Warriors must carry their own supplies and weapons, and tend to first aid for minor injuries. The fallen are never left behind. Each must be impeccably trustworthy. The worst enemy of any mission is tension among the squad. Satan uses it to full advantage in the assembly of believers. He knows that without trust, the mission will fail. The Mission? *"Go ye into ALL the world and PREACH THE GOSPEL!"* There is only one operations manual, God's Word. The chain of command must remain unbroken for battles to be won. Our Commander is a seasoned veteran and infallible tactician for *"He was in ALL points tempted like as we, yet without sin."* If believers obey, success is guaranteed. Provision isn't blessing: God's commands are the BLESSINGS which lead us to provision. *"Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and ALL THESE THINGS shall be added unto you."* Provision is waiting for those who obey. The life of every believer is a daily skirmish to hold the high ground. We need not go on maneuvers, but simply watch the perimeter with a steadfast gaze and ready defense. Never relax except in the daily briefing with your Commander. *"Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."* During the day, headsets must remain on and operational at all times. *"Praying always...Pray without ceasing."* We have air superiority. *"Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy."* Our defenses are undefeatable if used properly. *"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench ALL the fiery darts of the wicked."* Our intelligence operatives have the enemy's secrets all decoded and are ever vigilant on our behalf. *"For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."* If we wander outside our protective perimeter of obedience, we will suffer injury. *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."* Know your position at all times and always stay in contact. Coordinate with your squad. Avoid dangerous behavior that will endanger lives. We are in a war for the souls of men. The enemy is tireless and ruthless, but I *"can do all things thorough Christ."* If you get in trouble; *"come boldly unto the Throne of Grace."* Why? *"That we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."* Do you ever need help? I do.

A warrior must forget the pain,
If enemies he would restrain,
Victorious saints will live to see,
The Ruler of Eternity. ~CGP

Don't be depressed by hardship. Wear it as a badge of honor. *"Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."* Your KING and Friend went through torture and death for you, yet *"He opened not His mouth."* We can endure a little hardness for Him.

"Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." Philippians 3:8 KJV