

Faithful Followers

2 Timothy 2:3-4

INTRODUCTION:

In many churches, just like ours, there stands two flags—the American Flag and the Christian Flag. These two flags represent two types of freedom.

I. ENLIST - 2:4c

- A. A serviceman must initially volunteer.
- B. An enlistee departs from the old and enters a new lifestyle (Romans 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 5:17).
- C. An enlistee is taught and reminded often of the full devotion required to serve (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 1 Timothy 6:11-12).

II. ENDURE – 2:3

- A. Word meaning – To suffer affliction or hardship
- B. Spiritual Servicemen remember:
 - Basic Training - Discipleship
 - Removal old habits/lifestyle
 - Learning a new language
 - Discipline of repeated preparation or drills

III. ENGAGE – 2:4a

- A. Word meaning – To lead, wage war, to be a soldier
- B. Servicemen are in a spiritual battle (2 Cor. 10:3-6; Eph.6:10-12).
- C. Servicemen must have their weapons prepared for warfare.
Motto – “Never left behind, never forgotten”

IV. ENTANGLED – 2:4b

- A. Word meaning – To braid, interweave or ensnare
- B. Servicemen become focused on only one lifestyle (Proverbs 22:24-25; 2 Peter 2:20).

- C. Servicemen are trained repeatedly for accomplishing one objective (Romans 8:37; 1 Cor.15:57-58).

CONCLUSION

- Veterans need to be commended for their service and commitment to our country!
- Veteran Christians should be honored for their commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as well. Like our veterans in the military there are many in our congregation that have served the Savior faithfully.