

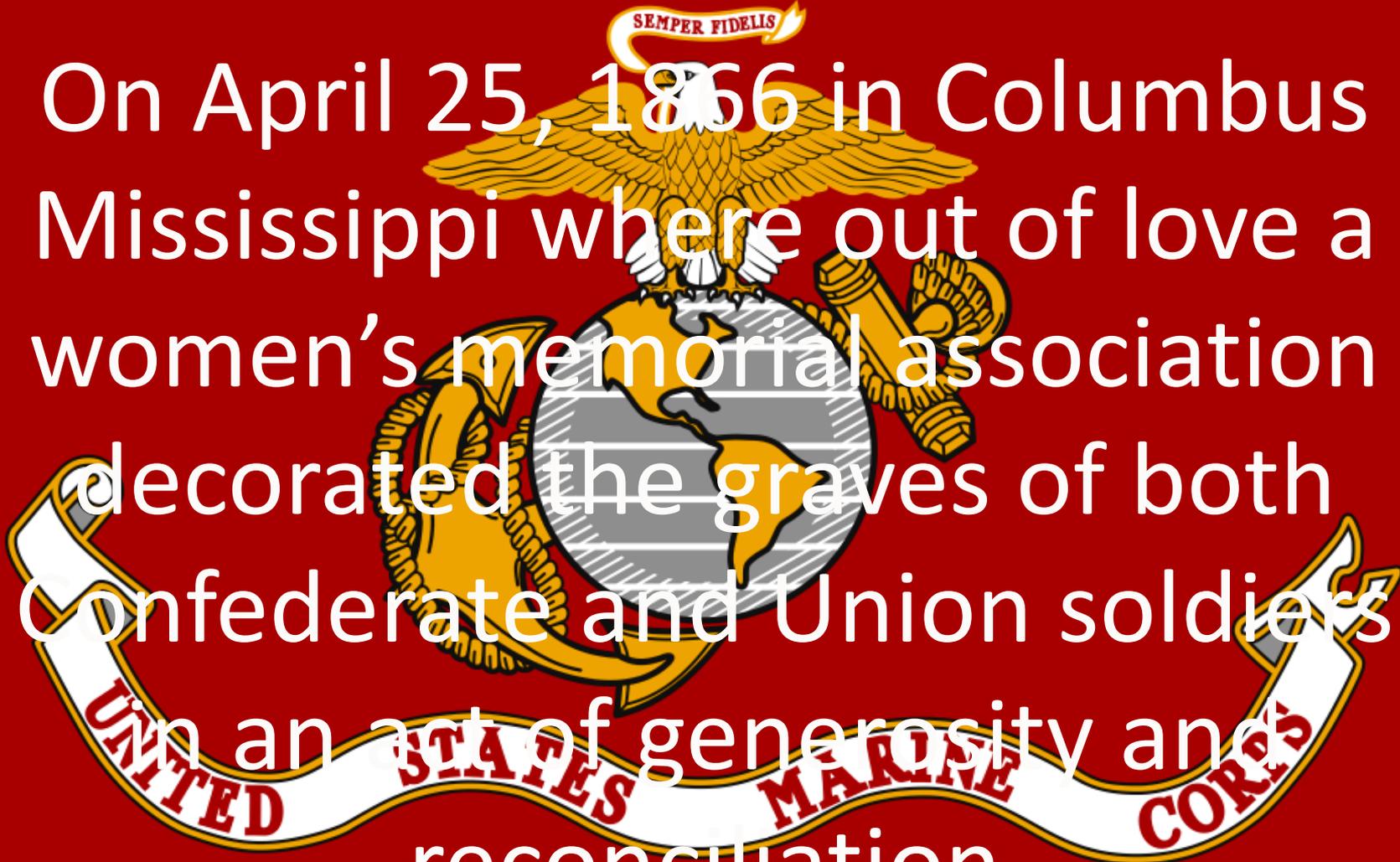
Remembering



May 30, 2021

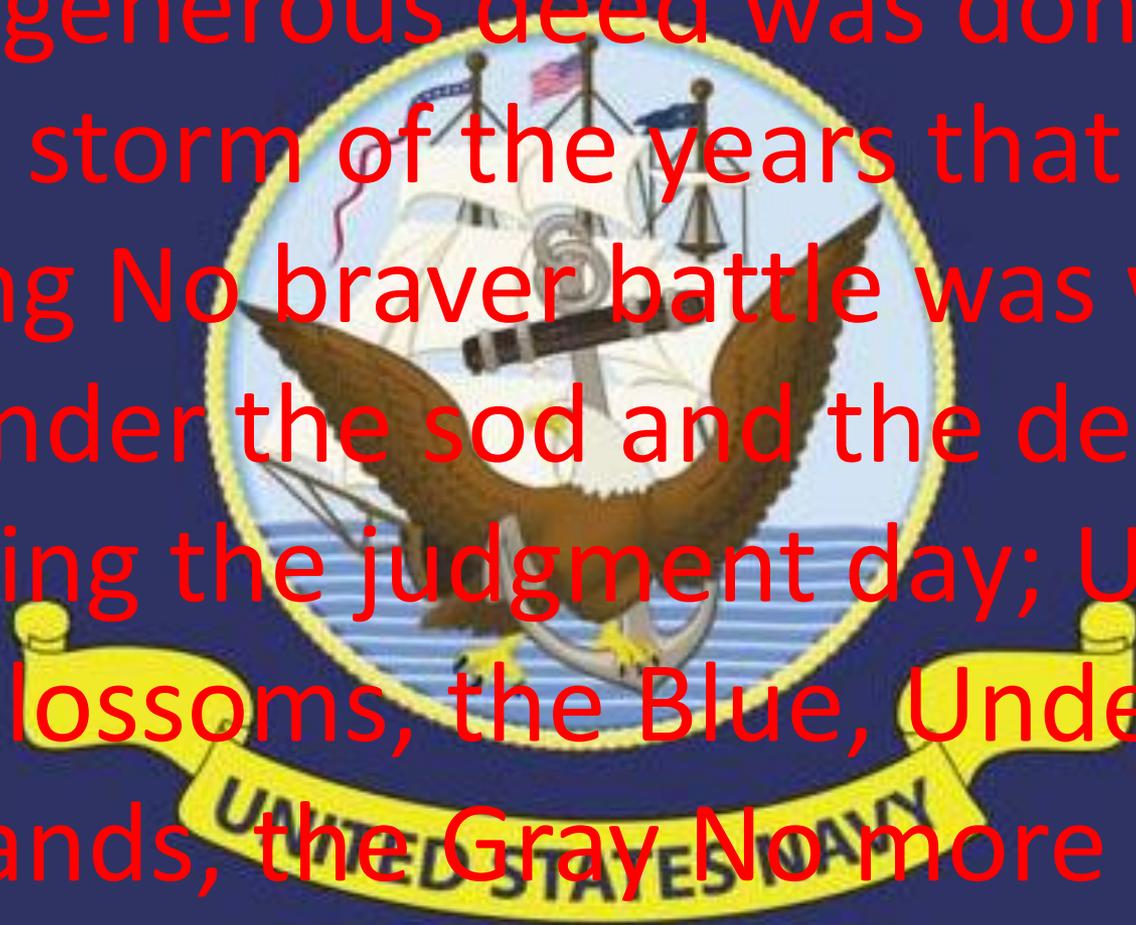
It was first known as Decoration Day, a time when the graves would be cleaned and flowers and decorations would be placed on them, and started during the Civil War.





On April 25, 1866 in Columbus
Mississippi where out of love a
women's memorial association
decorated the graves of both
Confederate and Union soldiers
in an act of generosity and
reconciliation

“Sadly, but not with upbraiding,
The generous deed was done, In
the storm of the years that are
fading No braver battle was won:
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day; Under
the blossoms, the Blue, Under the
garlands, the Gray No more shall
the war cry sever,





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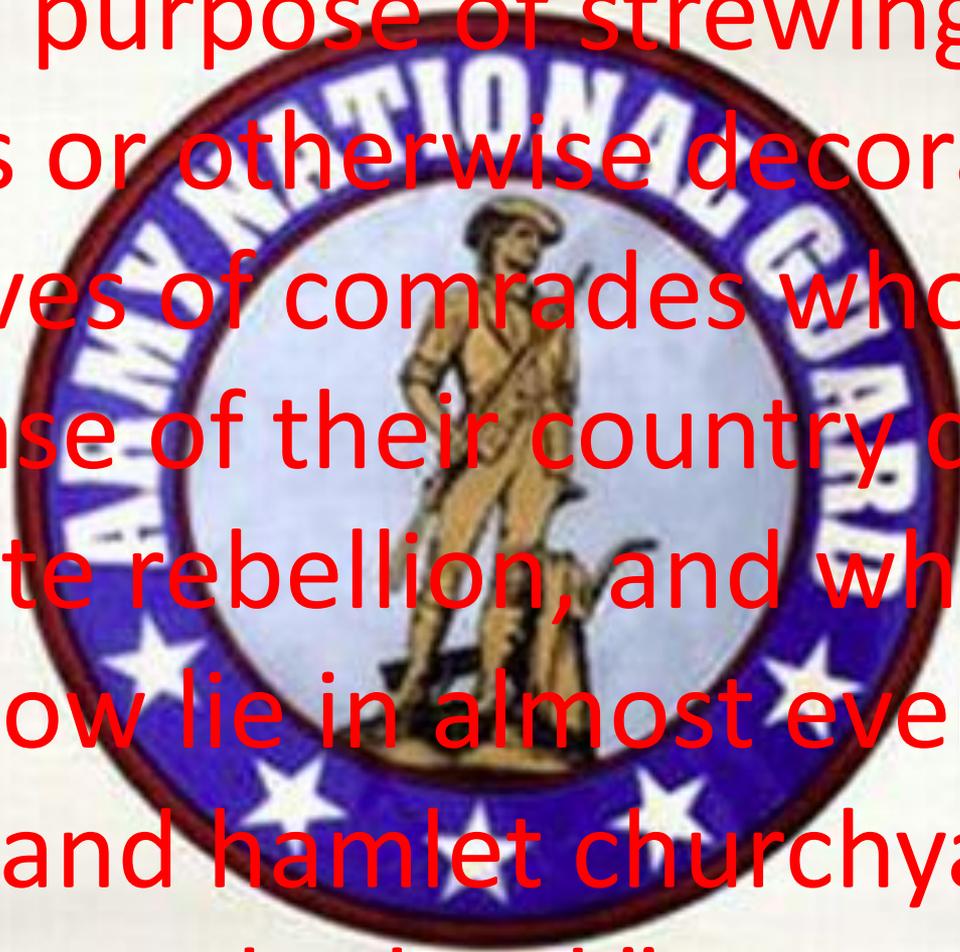
The first national celebration took place on May 30, 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery where soldiers from both sides are buried.



Commander in Chief John Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic issued General Order Number 11 designating May 30th as a day for decorating graves in memorial for those who had fallen.



“for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land.”



It was created as a national holiday
in 1971 by an act of Congress
placing it on the last Monday of
the month.





We should be celebrating
Memorial Day every day because
for us remembering is one of our
best strategies that we have for
victory.

Make no mistake, we are in a war.
We are in the biggest and longest
war that has ever been fought. A
war that has been fought since
near the beginning of time and will
continue until the end of the age.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

Ephesians 6:11-12 “Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

When we are born into the world
we are born into sin. NO ONE is
borne into righteousness, despite
what they tell you. When we come
into the world we don't know
about this war, but it is something
that we learn. We come into the
world serving the world, and thus
serving the enemy.

Ephesians 2:1-3 “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of Mankind.”

Romans 5:1 “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

We are fighting a war. Despite what some say, there are only two sides. There is no “my side”. Whom have you surrendered to? Which side do you serve?

Galatians 5:17 “For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.”

Remember: The outcome of this war is already known. In the end light triumphs over the darkness, love conquers hate, and Jesus conquers all.

AMEN!

Why is it important to remember:

1. To get us through enemy attacks, the trials, tribulations, and persecutions that we go through.

Remember that the enemy's tactics have not changed through the centuries, only the setting-the year and location.

LIE #1- You are alone

LIE #2- No one in the history of time has gone through what you are going through.

John 8:44 “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

Truth #1

Remember who goes with us.

The Father

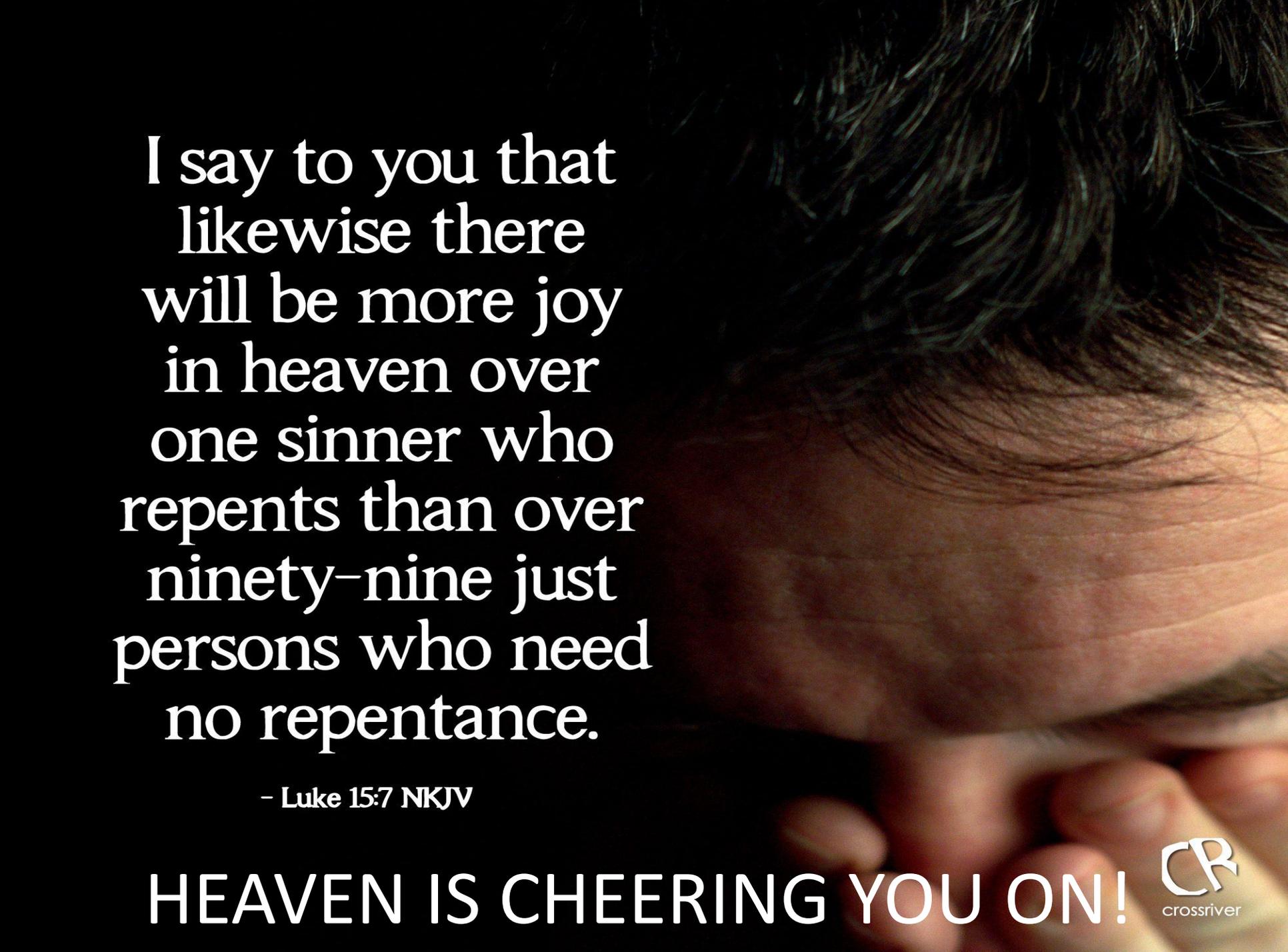
The Son

The Holy Spirit

Deuteronomy 31:8 “The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged”.

Truth #2

There are as many as the flags across the country who have gone through what you are going through. We ALL go through these trials and tribulations. Even though they are no longer here, they are cheering you on in their life.



I say to you that
likewise there
will be more joy
in heaven over
one sinner who
repents than over
ninety-nine just
persons who need
no repentance.

- Luke 15:7 NKJV

HEAVEN IS CHEERING YOU ON!



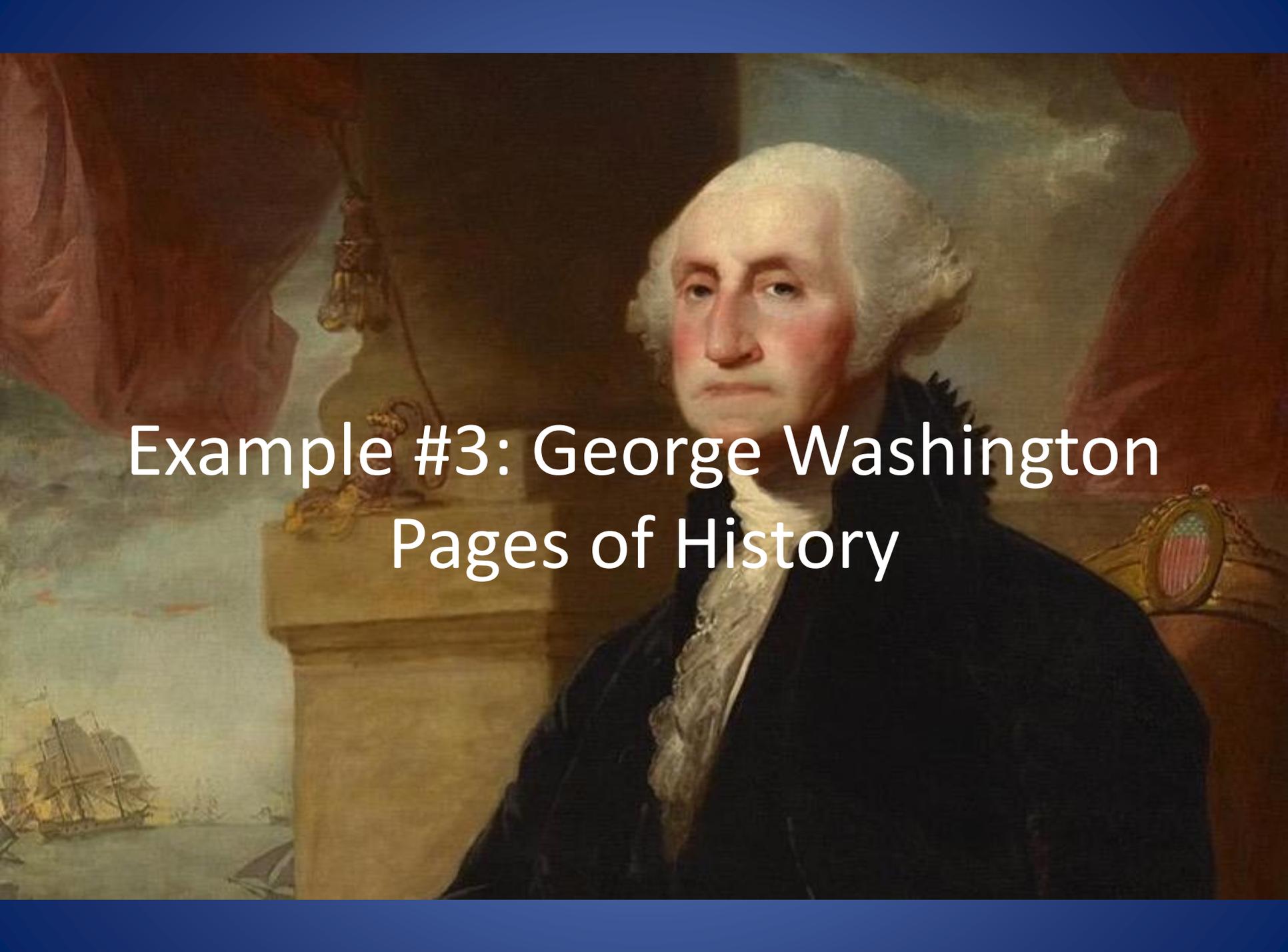
Hebrews 12:1-2 “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.



Example #1 Hagar
Genesis Chapters 16 & 21



Example #2 Joseph
Genesis Chapters 37, 39-50

A classic oil painting portrait of George Washington. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a dark blue military-style coat with a high collar and a white cravat. He has white powdered hair and a serious expression. The background features a landscape with a large sailing ship on the left and a classical architectural column on the right. The text "Example #3: George Washington Pages of History" is overlaid in white on the center of the image.

Example #3: George Washington
Pages of History

“While we are contending for our own liberty, we should be very cautious not to violate the rights of conscience in others, ever considering that God alone is the judge of the hearts of men, and to Him only in this case are they answerable.”

To Benedict Arnold on September
14, 1775

“The time is now near at hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses and farms are to be pillaged and destroyed, and themselves consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human efforts will deliver them.

The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us on the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die.” You can take the last part of this and apply it to our struggle with the
enemy.

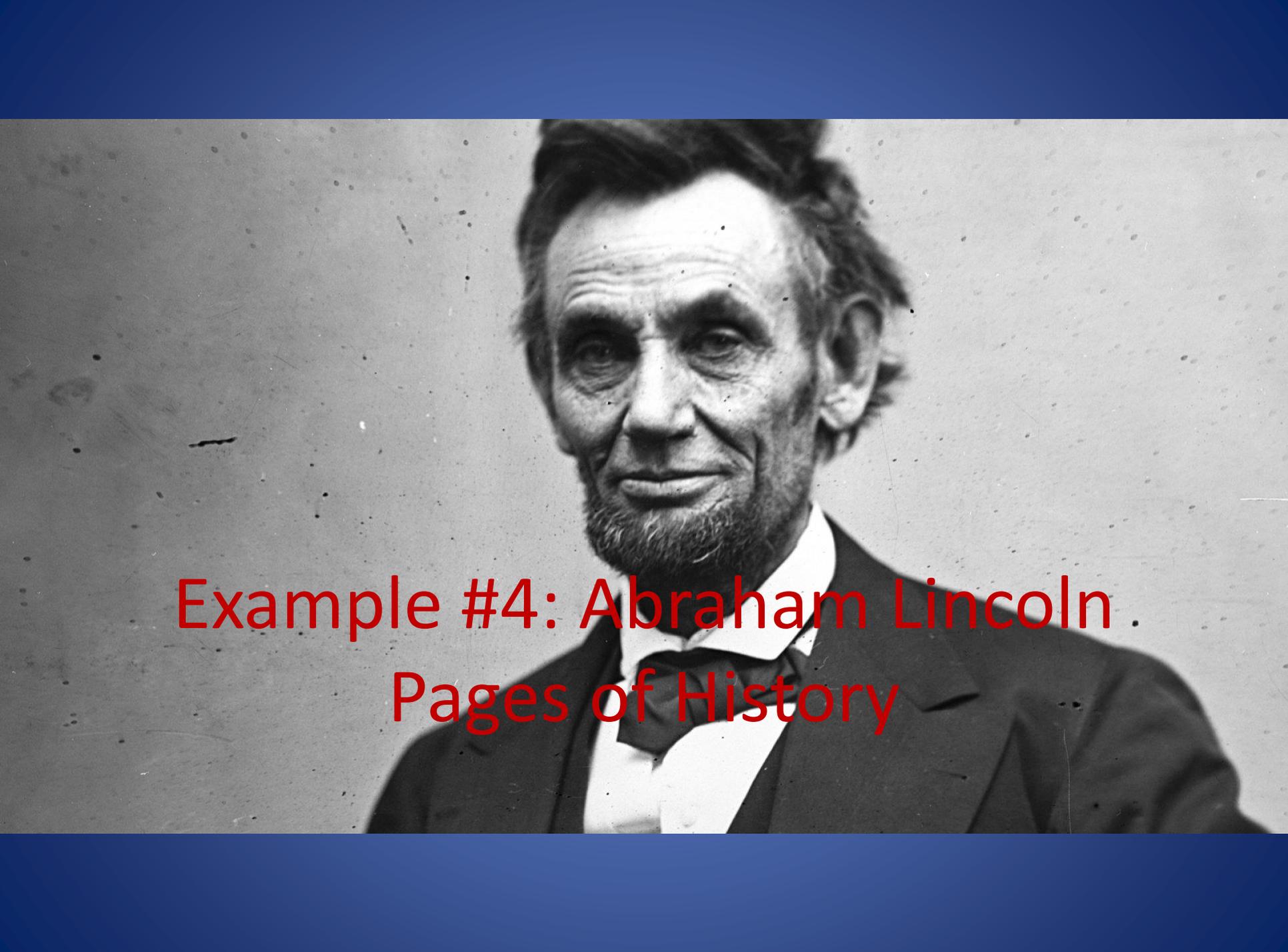
Address to the Continental Army before the Battle of Long Island on August 27,
1776,

“I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have you, and the State over which you preside, in His holy protection, that He would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another,

for their fellow Citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion,

and without an humble imitation
of whose example in these things,
we can never hope to be a happy
nation.”

Circular to the States on June 8,
1783

A black and white portrait of Abraham Lincoln, showing him from the chest up. He has a full beard and is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark bow tie. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The image is framed by a dark blue border at the top and bottom.

Example #4: Abraham Lincoln
Pages of History

“Trusting in Him, who can go with me and remain with you and be every where for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell.”

Farewell address to the Ohio legislature on
February 13, 1861

“In regard to this Great Book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man’s welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it.”

September 7, 1864 Bible Presentation Acceptance

“Fondly do we hope-fervently do we pray- that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue, until all the wealth piled by the bond-
man’s two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk,

and until every drop of blood
drawn with the lash, shall be paid
by another drawn with the sword,
as was said three thousand years
ago, so still it must be said “the
judgments of the Lord, are true
and righteous altogether.”

Second Inaugural Address on March 4, 1865

What Happened?

- Lost somethings
- Lost Everything
 - Murdered
- Went to Prison
 - Divorce
 - Bankrupt
 - Serious Illness
- Death of someone close
 - Betrayal

What Happened!

- Kept the faith
- Kept their eyes on God
- Looked beyond the moment
- Looked at those who went before them

You will go through trials and tribulations.

James 1:2-4 “Consider it pure joy,
my brothers and sisters, whenever
you face trials of many kinds,
because you know that the testing
of your faith produces
perseverance. Let perseverance
finish its work so that you may be
mature and complete, not lacking
anything.”

1 Peter 1:6-7 “In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith-of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Remember:

-Those that we can look too to
encourage us.

-God will be with us through it all.

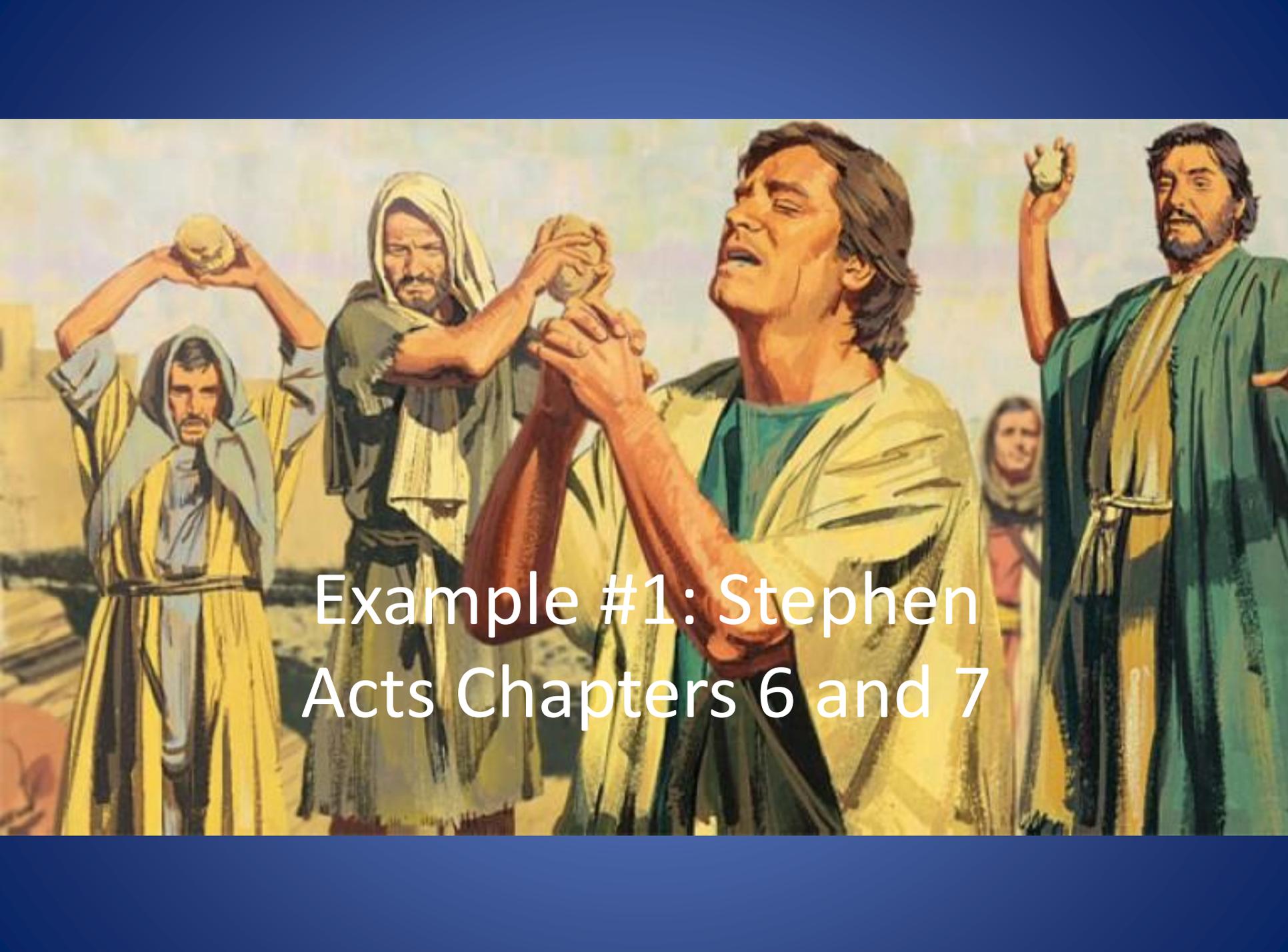
Yes, we all die. That is not the question. The question is how did you live, because it is our life not our death that is the most important. Our life determines where we go when we die, for it will be one of two choices.

For the Christian, when we die, we get to spend eternity with God, not being tortured, but living forever in His love; no pain, no sickness, no sorrow.

Why is it important to remember:

2. To never forget those who gave their lives to further the Gospel to the ends of the earth, to give us our Bible that we have today, to be a testament to Jesus for everyone to see.

1 Peter 4:16 “But if one suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed—but let him glorify God because of this.”



Example #1: Stephen
Acts Chapters 6 and 7

Example #1: Stephen

He reminded them of their persecution and murder of the prophets and their rejection of the Holy Spirit. However, it was when he had a vision of God on His throne and Jesus at his right hand.

Acts 8:1 “...And there came on that day a great persecution against the church which was in Jerusalem.

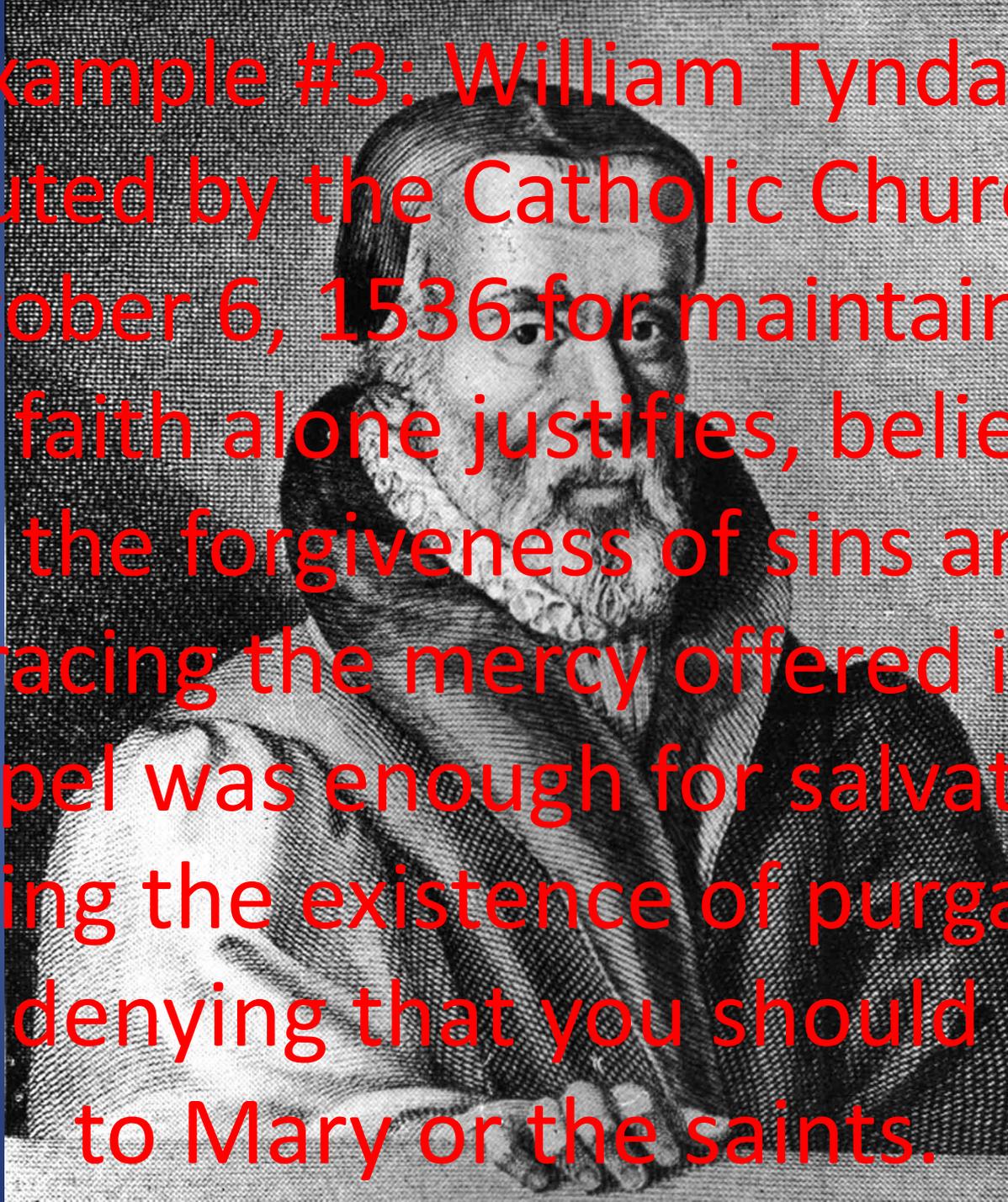
And they were all scattered throughout the countries of Judea and Samaria except the apostles.”

Example #2: Roman Persecuted
Started with Nero AD 64
Ended with Constantine AD 313

Example #2.5: Constantine

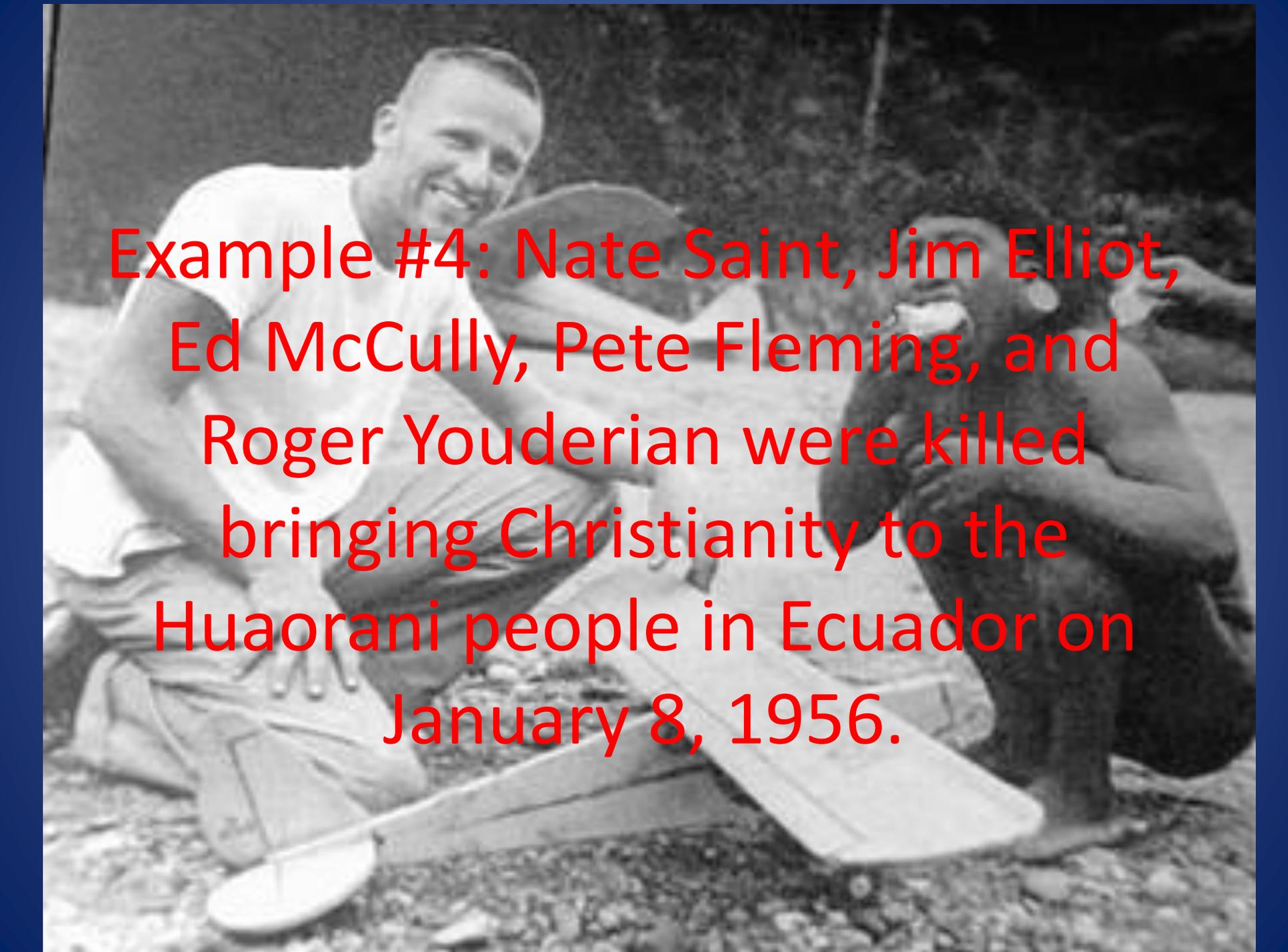


Example #3: William Tyndale
Executed by the Catholic Church on
October 6, 1536 for maintaining
that faith alone justifies, believing
in the forgiveness of sins and
embracing the mercy offered in the
Gospel was enough for salvation,
denying the existence of purgatory,
and denying that you should pray
to Mary or the saints.



Example #3: William Tyndale
Mostly executed for producing
Bibles in English which were
banned in England at the time and
could only be printed in Latin and
read to the people by the clergy.

Example #3: William Tyndale
King James Version that was
published in 1611 and uses
approximately 84% of Tyndall's
New Testament translation, and
76% of his Old Testament
translation.



Example #4: Nate Saint, Jim Elliot,
Ed McCully, Pete Fleming, and
Roger Youderian were killed
bringing Christianity to the
Huaorani people in Ecuador on
January 8, 1956.



Example #5: Wang Zhiming
A pastor in Wuding County,
Yunnan, China. He was arrested in
1969 and executed on December
29, 1973

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At the time of his arrest there were 2,795 Christians in Wuding. In 1980, 7 years after his execution, that number had grown to 12,000 and still continues to grow today.

Example #5: Wang Zhiming

He is the only Christian martyr of the Chinese Cultural Revolution to have a monument erected at his gravesite.

Why is it important to remember:

3. What Jesus bought us.

A-By His stripes we are healed.

B-Redemption in the Father's eyes.

C-Freedom from sin.

D-Freedom from the enemy.

E-Access to the Father.

F-New Covenant.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 “For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered unto you- that the Lord Jesus took bread(in the night in which He was betrayed), and after giving thanks He broke it, and said, Take, eat! This is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.

In like manner also after He had supped, He took the cup, saying, This cup is the new covenant in My blood: this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show forth the death of the Lord until He comes.”

Jesus asked us to remember his body that was broken for us and to remember His blood that was poured out for us. How are you remembering?

The early church met daily and prayed and sang in remembrance of Jesus and to worship Him. They may not have been perfect early in their lives, but they lived more as He wanted them to live.

. If you don't remember Jesus and honor Him, where is He in your heart and in your mind. For if He isn't in your heart and mind, why would He be in your Children's, why would He be a part of the family. This is the biggest issue facing our nation today. If Jesus' memory isn't important enough for the parents, it won't be for the kids as well, because it all starts in the family.

Jesus gave His life for us, without any of us even being born yet. He loved us that much. He gave of His own life so that His bride might live; so that death and sin would be defeated. Even before the founding of the world this was the plan.

God told the children of Israel to remember the Passover and all that He had done bringing them out of Egypt, and to yearly have a feast for it. He also told them to remember His laws and statutes that He had given them. The Jews wrote down all that God had done for them. Why?

Remember #1 God: Remember
God. Remember Who He is and All
that He has done for you.

Remember all that He has done
since the dawn of time. Remember
that He is with you always.

Remember the Law.

Remember #2: Remember Those who have gone before. Remember their trials and tribulations. Remember their faith. Remember all that they did to further the spread of the Gospel. Remember their besting of the enemy.

Remember #3 Jesus: Remember His teachings. Remember His words. Remember His persecutions. Remember His torture. Remember His sacrifice on the cross. Remember the freedom that He bought for us. Remember His endurance to the end.

Remember #4 Jesus: In remembering Him we also remember that the enemy is already defeated. That by the blood of Jesus he holds no sway over us and all that remains for him is his punishment. But for us, is life eternal with the Lord.