



Lemoore church of Christ

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On the Front Donnie Bates

Several years ago, I wrote the following story. It is a fictional account of the Good Fight that all Christians are fighting. It was originally written to call attention to the fact that all of us are in a fight. It is the story of one old soldier, doing his very best to remain faithful to his King, fight the Good Fight and help as many of his fellow soldiers as possible.

The old soldier groaned as he lowered himself to the ground and leaned back against the rock. It had been a hard campaign. There had been victories, as well as, defeats for his company. Some of his men were becoming stronger and better soldiers with each battle. Others were beginning to lose heart. Sadly, the old soldier realized that unless he was able to help these regain their spirits, they would likely be the first ones lost in the next battle.

Suddenly, there was a shout and the King rode up on His beautiful white horse. All the men stood and cheered their King. Even the old soldier joined in the exultation. As the cheering died down, the King spoke words of encouragement that were soon drowned out by renewed cheering.

Afterward, the King walked over to the old soldier and bade him make himself comfortable. Together King and King's man sat more like brothers than Liege and minion. "How goes the struggle?" asked the King, although He knew full well the strategic situation, "The men are tired, my Prince," replied the old soldier. "Some of them want to rest. Others, I think would as soon flee. Still others are eager to advance the cause of their Lord. Your presence here today has given them all new life. Even I feel a surge of loyalty and fealty where I had thought none was lacking."

The King looked at His servant with eyes at once loving and sad. "Would that I could convince them that I am always with them," He said sadly. "I never leave them. Not one falls without my tears. If they would see, the power they feel today will be at their side in tomorrow's battle and every battle until the end."

As he listened to his King's words, a single tear made its way down the dirty face of the old warrior. "Forgive me, Master," he said softly, his voice quivering with emotion. His own eyes growing moist, the King

smiled and laid a hand on the shoulder of His faithful servant and replied, "Done! And never forget that I am with you and will never forsake you, and victory is ours!"

It is my strongest prayer that this story helps you find the strength and courage to continue fighting the Good Fight. All the problems that assail us are flaming arrows of our enemy and they threaten to destroy us, but we have One on our side Who cannot be overcome. He is fighting alongside you and for you and you cannot be overcome with Him on your side. Do not give up, keep the faith, fight the Good Fight and enter into the joy of your Master.

Five Minutes with God: This week:

Sunday	Day 306	Matthew 26:47-51
Monday	Day 307	Mark 14:43-52
Tuesday	Day 308	Luke 22:47-53
Wednesday	Day 309	John 18:1-11
Thursday	Day 310	Matthew 26:57-68
Friday	Day 311	Mark 14:53-65
Saturday	Day 312	Luke 22:63-71

Prayer List:

Cleta Sisk, Eula Rhoads' sister medical issues

Eula Rhoads

Betty Standridge – feeling better

Lynda Sander recuperating following infusions

Kerri Hodgson's brother Don hypothermia

Megan, Garth's Brother-in-law's niece, cancer

Michael Davis, from Springville congregation (son Aaron and family have visited here) is very ill.

Kathy Shough, relative of Lynda Sander, - cancer

Kim Cargill, Stephanie Tischmacher's stepmom

Doug Standridge

Red and Marjory Cooper

Janet Billington beginning radiation for liver cancer

Len Cargill, Stephanie Tischmacher's dad, recovering from Achilles surgery

Meryl Wamhoff, friend of Lisa Butts, ongoing chemo

Gary Radcliff, Garth's father, started chemo

Linda Frye, Cancer

Bill Fox, co-worker of Frank Baldwin,

Angie and Tito Cano- Tito on maintenance meds

Bart Massey, friend of Dixie Blair, stomach cancer

Casey Case Jr ongoing oncology treatment

Our Mission Work:

- First Responders
- Preachers in Nicaragua
- Agape Village
- Crossover Ministry
- City of Children
- Manuelito's Children's Home
- Church of Christ Disaster relief Fund
- World Christian Broadcasting