

MEMORIAL DAY INSPIRATION

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Yesterday, Memorial Day, I thought a lot about World War 2. That war was truly a world war, a global war, and the outcome drastically affected the future of the entire world. If the Allies had simply capitulated to the Axis nations in order to avoid war, the evil this world would have faced, perhaps even down to this day, would have been unimaginable. We are grateful to those who served our nation at that time. Marcia's dad served in Europe at the Battle of the Bulge. My uncles, Lek and Howard, my mom's older brothers, served in the Navy in the Pacific. Howard was at Pearl Harbor during the attack, and Lek served on a warship that was sunk at sea; both survived, but neither would ever talk about his experiences.

My dad was 15 in 1941 when war was already under way in Europe, and then Pearl Harbor was attacked. People from that generation remember that day the way we remember 9-11. The next day, he was out with some friend listening to music on the radio and having a good time. Then they heard on the radio President Roosevelt's "date which will live in infamy" announcement that our nation was at war with Japan. The dancing stopped and everyone became quiet. Even at that age they knew that things would never be the same again. Two years later, he entered the Navy and served in the Atlantic until the end of the war.

Just as it was necessary for freedom-loving nations to go to war, it is necessary for us, in the Lord's kingdom, to fight the good fight of the faith each day. Our spiritual adversary actively seeks to destroy our souls. He is fighting for the souls of our nation, our community, our church and our children. Each day, he and his unseen spiritual forces scheme against us to blind us to the truth about God and ourselves, and to weaken and destroy our faith. Our hope lies in the power of faith in Jesus Christ and of his Spirit at work in our lives. As we honor the valor of those who chose to stand relentlessly against evil and never to give up, let us be inspired by their example to take up the armor of God daily and to stand firm in our Lord Jesus Christ.