

“Our Gallant Hours”

The Gallant Hours – 5 weeks in the life of Vice Admiral William F Halsey, Jr., from his assignment to command the US Naval Operations in the Pacific to the Allied Victory at Guadalcanal October – November 1942. It is an unusual war movie in that there are few scenes of battles on land or sea. The battle shown is the strategic battle as Admiral Halsey and his team work together to discover what the enemy was planning and then doing preemptive strikes.

Gallant: bold, brave, courageous, fearless, undaunted, lionhearted

Quoting Admiral Halsey: “There are no great men, just great challenges which ordinary men, out of necessity, are forced by circumstances to meet.”

There are ordinary men who answer the call of heaven to be gallant and ever move forward. Heaven is looking for them right now.

Matthew 11:12 (ESV) From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

On Dec 7 1941 – our nation was violently attacked. A wicked enemy had come against us with violence, and it was time for the violent to step up and take it by force. And so men, ordinary men, some as young as 17, stepped forward to join our military and fight.

This week the Kingdom suffered violence. Dayspring, we suffered violence. One of our next generation leaders was taken from our ranks.

“God is seeking the men of Dayspring to stand in the power of His might and extend His Kingdom BY FORCE in these last days. The Kingdom of God has suffered violence and now the violent must rise and take it by force.”

It is a matter of the heart. It is a matter of character. And character is an inside attribute with exterior expression.

When our men went to battle they went well armed by the nation they represented. We too must go forward as violent men well equipped for Kingdom work.

Last week Marlene shared an excellent message on the combination of the Word and the Spirit. Today, I will focus on the Power of that Word sown in our inner man.

Psalm 119 is full of meditations on the excellencies of the Word of God

“Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”
Psalm 119:11

“I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”

“I consider your prophecies (from word used in Septuagint to be my greatest treasure,
and I memorize them and write them on my heart
to keep me from committing sin’s treason against you.”

Hide in my heart – why, that I might not sin against God
Inherent power of His Word

Personal China testimony – it was about the Kingdom.....

Daniel Chapter 3. Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Mego

All they had was the Word sown, but that Word sown was enough.

“You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not bow down to any carved image or serve them.”

Men, Holy Spirit is calling us out. Violence has assaulted us. We must become violent in return.

Kim Maas “The Way of the Kingdom”

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