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NEWSLETTER

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## NONE LEFT BEHIND



RECENT EVENTS HAVE REMINDED US OF OUR DESIRE TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND. IN AFGHANISTAN IT APPEARS WE'VE LEFT BEHIND AMERICAN CITIZENS AND AFGHAN ALLIES WHO ASSISTED US. WE ARE RIGHTLY DISTURBED BY THIS VERY POORLY EXECUTED EXIT STRATEGY. WE JUST CELEBRATED PATRIOT'S DAY IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. MANY OF THOSE LOSSES CAME FROM FIRST RESPONDERS AND OTHERS WHO WERE SEEKING TO RESCUE THOSE STRANDED IN BURNING BUILDINGS AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND THE PENTAGON. LEAVING NONE BEHIND COST THEM THEIR LIVES. AND EVEN AFTER THE TERRIBLE COLLAPSE OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER, AMERICA MADE IT HER MISSION TO FIND AND IDENTIFY THE REMAINS OF THE DEAD BY CAREFULLY SIFTING THROUGH TONS OF RUBBLE AND DEBRIS.

OUR MILITARY HAS AS A GUIDING PRINCIPLE TO LEAVE NO MAN BEHIND. THE EXPRESSION IS ATTRIBUTED TO ROBERT ROGERS, AN AMERICAN FRONTIER SOLDIER DURING THE SEVEN YEARS WAR (ALSO KNOWN AS THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR) OF 1756-1763. ROGER'S REMARKS BECAME A POLICY MAKING SURE THAT EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF HIS TEAM BE ACCOUNTED FOR POST-BATTLE. TODAY'S ARMY RANGERS ESPECIALLY INCLUDE THIS AS A PART OF THEIR MISSION STATEMENT.

SO WHAT OF OUR CHRISTIAN MANDATE, ARE WE WILLING TO LEAVE UNBELIEVERS BEHIND? ARE WE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DESTINY OF EVERY MAN'S SOUL? CONSIDER THESE VERSES. "THEREFORE, KNOWING THE FEAR OF THE LORD, WE PERSUADE MEN ..." (II CORINTHIANS 5:11). "THEREFORE, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, AS THOUGH GOD WERE MAKING AN APPEAL THROUGH US; WE BEG YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD." (II CORINTHIANS 5:20). "... WE ALSO URGE YOU NOT TO RECEIVE THE GRACE OF GOD IN VAIN-- FOR HE SAYS, 'AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU;' BEHOLD, NOW IS 'THE ACCEPTABLE TIME,' BEHOLD, NOW IS 'THE DAY OF SALVATION.'" (II CORINTHIANS 6:1B-2)

ELSEWHERE PAUL INDICATES THAT HE IS NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL (ROMANS 1:16) AND SAYS THAT HIS HEART'S DESIRE IS FOR HIS NATION TO BE SAVED (ROMANS 10:1). HE ASKS THAT OTHERS WOULD PRAY FOR HIM TO THAT HE MAY "BOLDLY SPEAK AS I OUGHT TO SPEAK." (EPHESIANS 6:18). HE'S COMMITTED TO "HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE." (PHILIPPIANS 2:16).

AS BELIEVERS TODAY, WE SHOULD MAKE IT OUR MOTTO, OUR MISSION TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND TO FACE THE ETERNAL WRATH OF GOD. MIGHT WE "SAVE OTHERS, SNATCHING THEM OUT OF THE FIRE." (JUDE 23).

**LOOKING UP,  
PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE**