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FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

As we honor those that died in the U.S. military, we want to thank them for what they did. They are the heroes that gave their "all." It cost them their lives. They were in the American Revolution that freed us from the hold of tyrannical England. There was the Civil War, the war of 1812, the Spanish-American War on our land. Then there was World War I and World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. There was Desert Shield, and the continuing war on terrorism being fought. Thousands of Americans died serving their country to keep American free.

Then, I want to speak about the Generals of Faith that gave their lives. There was the Apostle Paul that preached the gospel knowing that it would cost him his life. Without the written words given to him by the Holy Spirit we would not have most of the New Testament and the understanding of faith vs. works. He laid his life on the line for you and me so we could be free from legalism.

Then there are those that brought reformation to an era that was controlled by a religious entity that was empowered by greed and fear. There was Martin Luther, and Guttenberg. Then there was John Wesley and Charles Spurgeon. There was Oral Roberts, and Kenneth Hagin, Kathryn Kuhlman, and Smith Wigglesworth. There was Billy Graham and many others that preached the truth and lived their lives out for Christ, dying as heroes of the faith.

We must never forget the praying mothers and fathers that protected their children through their prayers. They are heroes also.

Every one of these people have given us the freedom to live our lives in faith. We salute them.

We should never take this freedom for granted for scripture tells us that persecution is coming to the body of Christ like never before. Many lives will be sacrificed for making a stand for truth. Many will be martyred for the gospel's sake.

My friends we must never take our freedom for granted. We must be the voice that brings the gospel to the nations while we can. One day it will be too late. We will have lost that freedom. We must fight the good fight as soldiers in the army of God.