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CASUALTIES OF WAR

I would call myself a patriot. My father was in World War 1 (lied about his age), two brothers in the Viet Nam War, and other family members that have served including nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and many friends. One of the hardest places for any soldier or sailor is being stationed on the frontline. This is the place that takes out most of the soldiers, but they are willing to be there because of their love of country. Many a mother and wife received their loved ones come home in flag draped coffins, which changed the lives of those families. These heroes were casualties of war. They knew when they enlisted that this might happen. They were trained and equipped to do what they had to do to protect those at home.

There are many casualties in God's army also. These are the ones that chose to go into what many call full-time ministry, such as Pastor, Evangelist, Prophet, Apostle, or Teacher. These people that choose to obey the call are often targeted by the enemy. If you take out the leader, then those that follow often don't know what to do, unless they have been equipped and trained.

The American church has been spiritually ill-equipped for this kind of war. Many have taught from pulpits that God would never allow America to experience what has happened in non-Christian countries where many have given their lives for Christ. This happened in China also. Missionaries taught new converts that if they accepted Christ that their lives would be free of trouble, but when Communism came in many that were vocal for Christ were put to death. They were casualties of war.

We are in a war today, and it is deception against truth. Many that are teaching truth have been censored by social media and other avenues of communication. They have been "silenced" without a shot being fired. The war has brought severe hardship for churches that have been shut down and cannot financially keep going. This war is a COVID war. It has a spirit behind it to take down truth. It wants to infect us with its propaganda that has no truth in it and control the world. Don't think for a minute that this plague hasn't affected the church, because I have seen many godly pastors that continued to preach taken out by COVID.

This is not the time to retreat into our safe, warm, homes and think only of ourselves. We must be willing to be on the frontline for Jesus. We each are called to be soldiers and ministers (servants) in this war. If we don't keep fighting to keep truth even at the cost of being a casualty, you can be sure that this battle will be lost. Someone has to be willing to do this. Personally, I have enlisted in this war, and will continue bringing light to a dark, lost, world. Where do you see yourself? I pray that the call to be a soldier for Jesus will stir you to be just that.