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Dear Friend,

The picture on the right was taken just before Christmas, at Fort Indiantown Gap National Military Cemetery. My father, a WWII Navy man, is buried there. Each year there is an opportunity to lay wreaths on each grave marker. The program, called *Wreaths Across America*, has three very distinct goals. First, is to **HONOR** those who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of our freedom. Second, is to **RECOGNIZE** the service of all veterans who served our nation, and the third goal of this program is to **TEACH** the next generation about the meaning of sacrifice, what it has cost, and will continue to cost our nation to preserve freedom.



Ft. Indiantown Gap National Military Cemetery



Grave of Dr. John M. Davis, Jr.

Walking among those 30,000 grave markers and reflecting on their service was a solemn experience. I'm profoundly grateful for those that have come before us. I appreciate their investment, some giving their all, to preserve a land of freedom for us. Their sacrifice is beyond measure. I'm also thankful for my personal **heritage**.

In addition to the military **heritage** of service to our country, there is a strong *Christian heritage* that has been passed to me by my parents. My earthly father was instrumental in leading me to the Lord at the age of 6, an encounter I remember vividly. There were very few church services cancelled back in those days and when the church doors were open, the Davis children were there. We were exposed to the truth of the Gospel from the time we were little. While I realize that not all children are blessed with this kind of Christian **heritage**, let's consider three thoughts from God's Word that speaks clearly on this topic.

First, we know, "... *it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish*" (Matt. 18:14). If you are participating in the ministry of presenting the Gospel to children, you are taking part in a mission that is right from the very heart of God Himself. If you are praying, if you are teaching a Good News Club or Released-Time Class, or if you are sharing from the finances God has entrusted to your care, you are a vital part of this Christ-centered, Bible-honoring ministry, accomplishing that **scriptural** and **heavenly goal**.

Second, if you are sharing in this ministry, you are directly involved in a godly strategy for reaching this next generation with the Gospel. **Deut. 6:6, 7** lays out God's plan for teaching this next generation. *"...thou shalt teach them [the words of God's law] diligently unto thy children...."* God wants this next generation to know His laws and statutes and to obey them. But how can they know unless they are taught . . . and taught well. That is where we come in! If you are interested in learning how to share the Gospel with your children or your grandchildren, we have the material and the experience to help you do it well. While we have just come through the Christmas season, which was an ideal time to share the salvation story, the truth is, ANY TIME is a good time to share the message of God's plan for the redemption of man! If you would like to learn how to share the Gospel clearly, in a biblically-grounded way, we would love to teach that to you! Teacher Training Classes meet in every one of the counties in Eastern PA and you are welcome to attend, learn, and have fellowship with all who come!

Third, God gives us a clear warning in Scripture not to stand in the way of a child or prevent a child from responding to the Gospel. Jesus Himself warned the disciples in **Mark 10:14**, *"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."* Here is a stark and blatant warning given to the disciples (and to us) that children are important to the Saviour. Christ is concerned for the spiritual welfare of the little ones. He loves them and His care for them is the example we are encouraged to strive for each day.



5-Day Club in Philadelphia, PA - 2017

Would you be willing to join our harvest team? It starts when you ask the Lord how He would like you to take a greater part in this ministry. Whether through consistent prayer, sharing from the resources God has entrusted to your care, or perhaps even joining a team to teach a Good News Club, I believe it is critical that all of the boys and girls in our area of responsibility be given the opportunity to join the family of God and accept the gift of spiritual freedom from the penalty of sin that Christ's sacrifice affords. This then is our goal in the new year, as it always has been and always will be – to share the plan of salvation that God has given mankind with each and every child. Your active participation helps us meet this goal.

It is an honor to have your interest and investment in this ministry. I believe you are helping us to establish a strong foundation on which a Christian heritage can be built into the lives and homes of many, many children in Pennsylvania. May God bless you as you prayerfully consider the legacy you will leave to this generation of children for His glory.

Blessings as we start this new year!


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